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Better economic news for embattled Cabinet

Thatcher sets out to slay jobs dragon

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher attempted last night to revive the plummeting fortunes of her administration and the Conservative Party by openly accepting that the Government must listen and respond to the new fears of the electorate.

She said she heard and cared about the anxieties of the people and set herself the task of "slaying the dragon" of unemployment and of meeting the challenge of education.

After a disastrous eight days dominated by dismal election results, unfavourable opinion polls and unemployment setbacks, the Prime Minister spoke out to the Scottish Conservative conference in Perth the message that had been delivered by the voters.

She said: "What I think people are now saying to the Government is this: 'You understood what worried us a few years ago. And you had the guts to do something about it. Do you understand what is worrying us today? And if you do, will you show the same guts and sort that out too?'"

There is only one answer to that: 'Yes, yes and yes again'."

She willingly acknowledged "all is not well" in education, the "genuine concerns" about the National Health Service and the continuing fears about unemployment.

Her words echoed those of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, who told demoralized party workers north of the border 24 hours earlier that the Government had to listen to the views of voters who had backed the Government in 1983 but had since deserted in droves.

Mrs Thatcher said the Government had achieved fundamental changes for Britain and had delivered many of its promises. Inflation was at bay, trade union law transformed, real improvements had been made in the NHS and there had been enormous progress towards a property-owning democracy.

But she added: "There are still dragons to be slain — most notably unemployment — and other challenges still to meet, not least in the education of our children."

Mrs Thatcher admitted that the local election results had been "disappointing".

She tackled head on the growing accusation from the Government's political opponents that she in particular and her administration was uncaring.

"Surely, caring is what you do, not just what you say. And those who talk most are not always those who do most. We need no lessons in care from other parties. We want to solve our nation's problems not exploit them or disguise them. We are in politics because we care."

Reviewing the Government's achievements she highlighted the fall in inflation to 3 per cent, taking power from the big union bosses and giving it to rank and file members, cutting income tax and giving people every chance to buy their own home.

"Don't take those achievements for granted. They weren't gained easily. But oh how easily they could be lost."

Mr Norman Tebbit admitted that the party had lost confidence in itself and was tending to concede the initiative to Labour and the Alliance.

But in a fighting speech he said the Government now had to set out its objectives in the remaking of Britain.

He insisted the next election would not be won by abandoning existing government policies and "joining in an auction for votes bought with the voters' own money."

His speech, the first by a Conservative Party chairman to a Scottish Tory conference, appeared to boost the depressed morale of party activists and he won the customary standing ovation.

The Government had so totally destroyed the case for socialism that Mr Neil Kinnock had been forced to haul down the red flag.

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Inflation falls to lowest in 18 years

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The rate of inflation fell sharply to 3 per cent last month, from 4.2 per cent in March. This was the lowest since January 1968.

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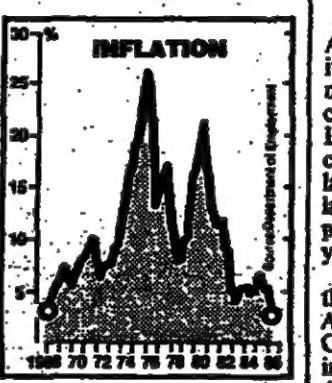
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not published. It is understood to show more sluggish growth but lower inflation than was the case for the Budget forecast.

Last month's inflation rate of 3 per cent was the lowest for more than 18 years. It was equalled in February 1968. The last time inflation was lower was in January 1968, under a Labour Government.

The retail price index in April was 385.3 (January 1974=100), a rise of 1 per cent from March, when it was 381.6. Two-thirds of the total rise in the price index was due to a rise in the cost of food, which rose by 1.1 per cent in a month.

But the three-quarter point reduction in mortgage rates and a 6.2p a gallon fall in petrol prices, to an average of 178.2p a gallon, helped to keep the rise in overall prices down.

Petrol prices last month were 33p a gallon down on May last year and there have since been further falls, to less than 160p a gallon. This will help to push the inflation rate this month below 3 per cent, with another fall likely in June, to about 2.5 per cent, when the next mortgage rate reduction comes through.

Commenting on last month's figures, Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, said: "The Government is understandably pleased with today's retail price index figures but the country has had to pay a terrible price for this single success."

The drop in the inflation rate will put pressure on the Chancellor to cut interest rates.

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Ian Botham and his wife, Kathy, were heading a hasty retreat yesterday after a meeting with the police at the office of Mr Alan Hard, the cricketeer's solicitor, in John Street, Bloomsbury, London. The 35-minute interview with Det Supt Alan Stephens, head of West Cornwall CID, and Det Sgt Harry Sleeman, of Plymouth CID, followed reports of drug-taking on Mr Botham's

marathon walk from John O'Groats to Land's End in October and November last year to raise £400,000 for leukaemia research. Afterwards Mr Hard said that he could not comment because of matters that were the subject of a police investigation. The police said that a report would be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Galtieri is sentenced to 12 years

By Our Foreign Staff

Three members of Argentina's former ruling military junta, including the former President and army commander, General Leopoldo Galtieri, have been convicted of negligence for launching and losing the Falklands War, according to reports published here yesterday.

According to the reports, the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces has sentenced General Galtieri to 12 years' imprisonment, Admiral Jorge Anaya to 14 years and Brigadier Basilio Lami Dozo to eight years. All three had been stripped of rank, unidentified military sources said.

The other 13 officials accused of negligence, including General Mario Benjamin Menéndez and Lieutenant Alfredo Astiz, have been exonerated or disciplined.

Legal authorities said that should the reports be true, the military prosecutor-general, General Hector Canale, would have to appeal against the verdicts as they differed substantially from those he had requested.

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Lifetime watch on 100,000 Russians

By Our Foreign Staff

Dr Robert Gale, the US bone-marrow transplant expert treating Chernobyl victims, said yesterday that more than 100,000 people will have to be monitored for the rest of their lives for the effects of the radiation leak.

He said in an American television interview before leaving Moscow, that the death toll had now risen to 13. He expected there would be more people — but not great numbers — dying as a result of the radiation leaked during the explosion.

But he added that he and Soviet doctors were concerned with the long-term effects.

"We know from the atomic bomb explosions that there is an increase of risk of cancer and other complications that extends for many years," he said.

Very few of the patients to be watched for the rest of their lifetimes would be individually affected by radiation, but they would have to be monitored because of the increased risk of cancer and other complications.

Dr Gale said that of the 35 radiation victims who had been critically ill in a Moscow hospital, only 24 remained alive.

When it was pointed out that this was a lower figure than he had given 24 hours earlier, Dr Gale replied: "Unfortunately, people are continuing to die."

Two Soviet citizens died in the immediate aftermath of the explosion three weeks ago today. All the subsequent deaths have been as a result of severe radiation poisoning and Western doctors treating the victims admit that it is inevitable that the final death toll will go higher.

Dr Gale plans to return to the Soviet Union next week to continue his mercy mission, which is being financed by the American oil millionaire, Dr Armand Hammer.

It is expected that Dr Gale will be involved for years in dealing with the long-term effects of the disaster inside the Soviet Union.

Mr Vladimir Lomoito, the chief spokesman of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, hinted strongly yesterday that the Kremlin would refuse to pay any compensation to West European farmers as a result of the nuclear fall-out from Chernobyl.

Unions say BR to shed 4,000

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Four thousand workers at British Rail Engineering Ltd (BREL) are expected to be dismissed under a restructuring plan for the industry, according to union sources yesterday.

The job losses, to be announced on Tuesday, are almost certain to provoke another Commons storm, coming after the 3,500 redundancies announced this week by British Shipbuilders, and 1,000 by British Caledonian.

The BREL redundancies will be at Glasgow, Doncaster, Wolverton in Buckinghamshire, and Eastleigh, near Southampton, according to Mr Keith Saeedon, national organizer of TASS, the white collar section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

British Rail last night would not confirm or deny the redundancy figure in advance of Tuesday's talks between the BREL management and rail union leaders in London.

The BREL workforce has been reduced to 22,800 in the past four years, a cut of 12,000, and Mr Saeedon said the latest news was a disaster.

At Tuesday's meeting, the unions will hear details of manpower changes resulting from the BREL decision to split the company into two groups: construction and maintenance.

Reports last night suggested that the job losses will be mostly in the maintenance divisions at Wolverton, Doncaster and Eastleigh.

Several hundred redundancies are expected to be announced in the next fortnight at the privatized Swan Hunter shipbuilding yard on the Tyne. The management said the job losses are a direct result of losing a £120 million Ministry of Defence order to Harland and Wolff of Belfast.

Police riot school for north-west

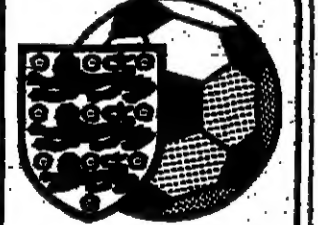
By Our Foreign Staff

An £89,000 police riot training school is to be built in Manchester, raising recent spending on public order in the region to nearly £500,000.

Local councillors yesterday gave Mr James Anderson, the Greater Manchester chief constable, permission to start negotiating on a lease for a disused warehouse in Trafford Park, to cost ratepayers £34,000 a year in rent and rates.

A further £55,000 will be spent on building mock street scenes for riot training.

Monday Cup fever, 20 years on



Two decades ago, English football attendances were falling, though the Mersey clubs dominated the league and cup. Then Alf Ramsey's England team won the World Cup...

Portfolio Gold

● There is £12,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition today — the weekly prize of £8,000 plus the daily £4,000.

● Yesterday's £4,000 prize was won outright — details, page 3.

● Portfolio list, page 20; rules and how to play, page 38.

Case collapses

A High Court test case to determine whether whooping cough vaccine can cause brain damage, collapsed when the judge "regretfully" dismissed an action on behalf of a 16-year-old boy.

Censure fails

The French left failed in its censure motion against the Chirac Government when the National Front backed its use of the parliamentary guillotine.

Share tip

Speculators could make a good long-term investment by buying oil shares or any other shares that are out of favour at the moment.

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Tory wrangle over mortgage aid cuts

By Anthony Barnes, Political Correspondent

An embarrassing wrangle broke out in Whitehall yesterday over the controversial proposals to cut mortgage assistance for unemployed homeowners.

One Downing Street source said that Number 10 had not been informed of the timing of the announcement, delivered in a written Commons reply by Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Social Security, on Thursday night.

It was also said that Mr Bernard Ingham, press secretary to the Prime Minister, should have been told that it was coming. There was a clear inference that the timing would have been delayed in an attempt to deflect publicity and protest in what has been a difficult enough week for Mrs Thatcher.

But Downing Street also stressed that the draft regulations now to be considered by the Social Security Advisory Committee were only for consultation. Some journalists drew the conclusion that they would be dropped.

That was decidedly not the view of other government sources. One senior minister said that the announcement of the proposed £30 million cut-back had not been a bagman skin; it had been carefully considered in cabinet committee; that any timing would have been unfortunate; that demands for social security spending were insatiable; and the line had to be drawn somewhere; that Mr Newton had put up a strong defence for the change; and that the decision would stick.

There is, nevertheless, the likelihood of a strong Conservative backbench revolt if the regulations are confirmed and it.

debated in the Commons, possibly in July.

Mr Neil Kinnock said yesterday in an interview on BBC radio's *World at One* programme: "It is a further exposure both of the ineptitude of their policies and the incompetence with which they carry them out."

The Labour leader said that the Government was kicking people who were very much down, and he foresaw substantial electoral implications because it would be "yet another stab of evidence" to underpin the voters' view of the Conservative Government.

A Gallup opinion poll, published in yesterday's *Daily Telegraph*, added to the Tory tension with a finding that the Conservatives had slumped six percentage points into third place, while the Alliance had jumped by 6.5 per cent into second place behind Labour. The figures were Labour 38 per cent, Liberal-SDP 32.5 per cent, and Conservatives 27.5 per cent.

Mr Kinnock said that the Conservatives had been very busy this week, and added: "I'm not sure whether they are stabbing each other in the back or stabbing each other in the chest."

He said that there were three civil wars in the Conservative Party: between those who wanted to cut spending and those who wanted to spend more; "the war of Maggie's succession"; and "the Norman war".

He said that although Mr Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, was attempting to reassert his authority, he knew he had made a mess of it.

Pym becomes 28th Tory MP to stand down

By Sheila Gums, Political Staff

Mr Francis Pym, the former Cabinet Minister, last night became the 28th Conservative MP to announce he would not be standing at the next general election.

The announcement to his Cambridgehire South East constituency association ended months of speculation about his future.

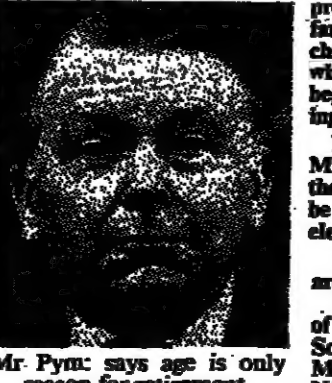
In spite of his recent criticism of the Government, he said that age was the only reason for his retirement. He will be 65 next February.

"Since it is no longer acceptable to retire between elections and thus cause a by-election, a commitment to stand again would be likely to involve a further five years in the House of Commons. I do not feel that I can give such a commitment," he said.

He became Foreign Secretary at the height of the Falklands crisis but was dismissed by Mrs Thatcher immediately after the 1983 General Election. During his 25 years in the Commons he has also held the posts of Defence Secretary, Chief Whip, Leader of the House, Northern Ireland Secretary, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General.

He told *The Times*: "My feeling is that after the offices I have been fortunate enough to hold and the work I have done in this Parliament, that really is all I can do in the front line of politics."

"I shall continue to be a firm supporter of all the Government's objectives. Where I believe different or more radical policies are re-



Mr Pym says age is only reason for retirement.

profession are vital the welfare state, where fundamental changes are overdue; the rates, which the Government is now beginning to tackle; and housing and the inner cities."

Most of the Conservative MPs who have announced they will not stand again will be over 60 by the next general election.

The most prominent names are:

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science (Leeds North East); Mr James Prior, who has been Northern Ireland Secretary and Employment Secretary (Waverley); Mr Geoffrey Rippon, former Environment Secretary (Hexham); Mr Norman St John-Stevas, former Minister for the Arts and Leader of the House (Chesham); Sir Humphrey Atkins, former Northern Ireland Sec-

retary and Lord Privy Seal (Spelthorne); Sir Edward Du Cann, chairman of the 1922 Committee and chairman of the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee (Taunton); Sir William van Stratten, former Northern Ireland Minister (Wokingham); Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee and former Under Secretary of State for Defence and for Foreign Affairs (Stroud); Sir Edward Gardner, QC, chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee (Fylde); Sir Reginald Eyre, former Under Secretary of State for Transport, Trade and Environment (Birmingham, Hall Green).

1983 General election result: Cambridgehire South East Pym, Francis (C) 28,555; Sless, Chris (SDP/AR) 14,791; Jackson, Mary (Lab) 6,261. Con majority 13,764.

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Radical left's exotic promises attacked by Kinnock

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday denounced the exotic promises, hazy declarations and airy declarations of the Labour left.

The Labour Party leader told the Welsh party conference in Swansea that the present campaign for freedom and fairness, tied to the programme for investment and employment, was an essential element in the tough challenge of securing economic recovery.

But he emphasized: "It is not a promise that we can or will advance on all fronts at once or that there are quick and simple ways to rebuild from the industrial and social devastation of these past years."

Mr Kinnock said: "Only two kinds of people want to make such easy promises of instant success — our enemies, so that they discredit us, and a few, a very few of our friends, people who think that exotic promises are the only proof of radical convictions."

"People who mistake personal enthusiasms for mass movements. People who would rather promise the earth than gain real ground."

Mr Kinnock singled out Militant Tendency supporters as a specific target and said: "It is no part of this movement to form covert cliques with separate programmes, principles and policies — and then to live parasitically off the rest of the movement."

"If people do have separate objectives, let them show a separate courage, separate convictions, and go their way in a separate party. And meet their separate fate."

But Mr Kinnock also turned on those such as Mr Tony Benn and Mr Eric Hoffer who have been demanding tougher Labour policies against nuclear power.

He said that it was essential to have policies that were clear-cut about reducing dependence on nuclear power, and ensuring higher safety and security standards at home and abroad.

But he said: "Lots of complaints about the dangers of nuclear plants and vague suggestions that alternatives for energy and for jobs should be available somehow, somewhere, sometime, do not meet the needs of a country that has nuclear power and has had it for decades."

"Those hazy declarations do not fulfill the demands of freedom, of fairness, of feasibility, or of honesty."

Labour promises Militant's demise

Mr John Smith, the Labour spokesman on trade and industry, delighted power workers yesterday by promising the imminent demise of what he called "the pestilence" of Militant Tendency within the Labour Party.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union in Scarborough, Mr Smith said Labour could no longer tolerate the internal danger posed by the group.

To enthusiastic applause from several hundred delegates he said: "It will only be a matter of weeks or months until the pestilence called Militant Tendency is firmly put in its place."

Earlier Mr Smith had launched a bitter attack on the Government's performance in the light of what he described as the "sad crisis" in British shipbuilding.

He told delegates that Mrs Thatcher had taken "pathetically irrelevant measures" to compensate for a death blow at the heart of some of the nation's main industrial regions.

He proposed a three point plan to restore the industry on Labour's return to office.

He said his party was committed to bringing forward a series of public sector orders for oil rigs, and service vessels which although not needed now would be required in the long term.

There would be financial help and British ship owners would be encouraged to buy British in a revamped industry designed to compete with the rest of the world.

To mark the importance of the job he also said that a Labour government would organize a "task force" headed by the secretary of state for industry or even the Prime Minister.

UK chess successes

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

British players scored another success in the second round of the Kleinwort Greaveson UK-US chess challenge at the Great Eastern Hotel yesterday. Cathy Haslinger (UK) defeated Angela Chang (US) while the games between Demis Hassapis (UK) and Alex Chang (US), and British champion Jon Speelman and US champion Lev Alburt, were both drawn.

Meanwhile, in Basel, 33-year-old world champion Gary Kasparov won the first game against England's Olym-

Biffen is snubbed in Thatcher's absence

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be in charge of the country when the Prime Minister flies out to Israel next weekend.

Lord Whitelaw, the Lord President and the man who normally stands in for Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is flying out to Moscow as leader of a parliamentary delegation next Friday.

But Downing Street sources said yesterday that backup plans had been well thought out and that although there were no "formal" arrangements, Sir Geoffrey and Mr Lawson would be in charge from Saturday afternoon until Mrs Thatcher returned three days later.

It was emphasized that communication links had been set up and that Sir Geoffrey or Mr Lawson would be able to contact Mrs Thatcher if necessary.

Some MPs are bound to note that Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the Commons who takes Prime Minister's questions when Mrs Thatcher is away from London, was not invited to join Sir Geoffrey or Mr Lawson.

Mr Biffen called for a "balanced ticket" of Conservative leadership in an interview last Sunday, and it is thought that Mrs Thatcher is still upset about that barbed reflection on her qualities.

One senior minister yesterday likened Mr Biffen's suggestion to call for hung parliaments and coalition government, which were, he added, recipes for failure.

He said that he passionately believed that, and he could not go along with the concept of two leaders.

Under-age mothers 'deprived'

By Michael Horsnell

Under-age mothers are treated as if they do not officially exist and are thus denied the social support they need to prevent them slipping into a cycle of deprivation, according to a report released yesterday.

As the average age of puberty declines, the number of conceptions to schoolgirls aged under 16 has risen from 3,625 in 1977 to 5,353 in 1983 and abortions from 2,300 to 4,087. Illegitimate live births have remained fairly constant at between 1,161 and 1,299.

Dr Anne-Marie Coyne, of the Health Education Council (HEC), said medical care is adequate, but little effort is put into educating preventing the problem or ensuring the most favourable outcome.

Schoolgirl Mothers, a report published by the HEC, discloses from case studies of 30 mothers aged between 13 and just under 16 that pregnancies are usually diagnosed late, attendance at ante-natal classes is poor, education is severely disrupted or brought to an end, and money is frequently scarce.

Dr Coyne said the ambiguous legal status of the school girl mother made it difficult to mobilize existing support. As a mother she was excluded from school but as a child aged under 16 she was denied state financial help. In addition, the law relating to the age of consent puts the potentially vulnerable role of the father in doubt.

The report said that, although some young mothers are offered extra help in day centres or residential homes, many are left to cope alone. Support is often patchy and entirely dependent on local initiative.

It calls for a national response to the problem, arguing that it would save money in the long run, and suggests that, by denying resources to this small but vulnerable group, the state is storing up problems for the future and reducing young mothers' chances of ever being able to lead a normal life.

"This entails moving away from a blanket condemnation and or denial of specific behaviours (eg sexual activity) and a recognition that adolescence is a time of experimentation and search for a social identity," the report said.

"Such re-evaluation may help to reduce both the size of the problem and the gravity of its consequences at a time when biological, economic and social factors are working to increase it."

Union rejects print move

The Transport Salaried Staffs Association, at its conference in Bournemouth yesterday, rejected a move urging more support for the printing unions in their dispute with Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International.

A motion wanted branches, particularly those in London, Manchester and Glasgow, to give "practical support" but was opposed by Mr Bert Lyons, general secretary, who described it as "dangerous".

Cleaning bill for slogan

A man who sprayed anti-vandalism slogans on the wall of Holloway Prison was given a conditional discharge yesterday for a year for an offence to pay £450 towards cleaning the wall.

Paul Gravett, aged 23, unemployed, of Holloway, admitted before Highbury magistrates causing criminal damage to Home Office property on April 18.

Cigarette theft

About 7.5 million cigarettes worth £500,000 and the lorry carrying them were hijacked by two men wearing police uniforms in Belfast on Thursday. The cigarette manufacturers are offering a reward.

Report rejects advertising on BBC

By Richard Dowden

The Peacock committee, due to deliver its report on broadcasting finance next month, will recommend that there should be no commercial advertising on the BBC and that the licence fee should be linked to the retail price index for the next 10 years.

The committee, which held its penultimate meeting on Thursday, has reached broad agreement on its proposals and hopes to sign the report at its final meeting on May 29 and deliver it to the Home Secretary early next month. It is expected to be published shortly afterwards.

Although the committee appears to have rejected some of the more drastic options and therefore represents a victory for the BBC in terms of its status, an index-linked licence fee will mean an end to its expansion and impose some financial restraints.

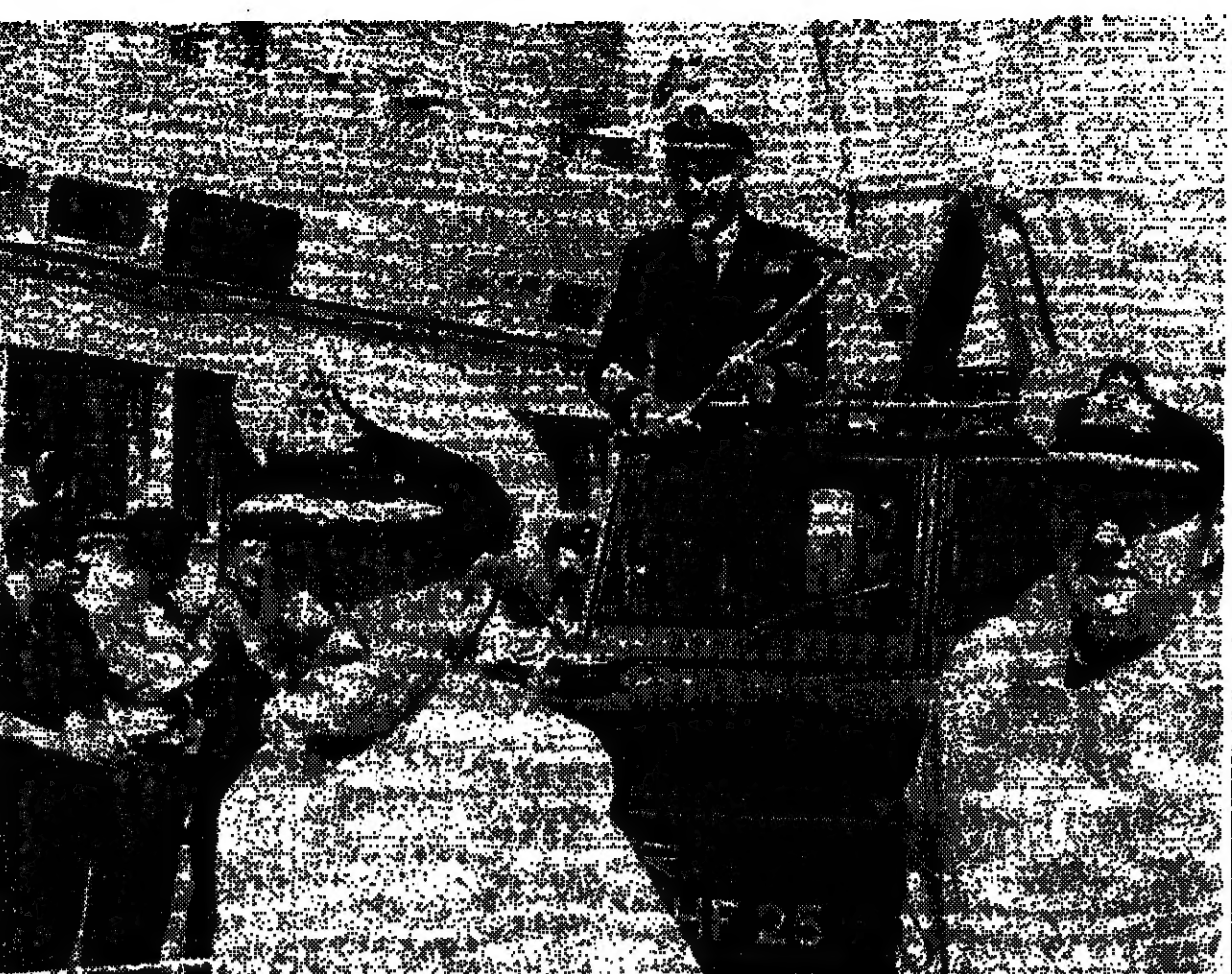
The report is expected to recommend that there should be a minimum quantity of television time produced by independent British programme makers, perhaps about 25 per cent, in an effort to encourage the independent sector. It also recommends that the BBC production facilities should be made available to independent producers and that unused time on transmitters should be rented out.

It may also suggest that broadcasting companies should own their transmitters, though it is not known how firmly the committee will recommend this.

It is believed to have studied and rejected the idea that BBC local radio and commercial radio should be merged or placed under a new body separate from the IBA. The proposal that Radio One and Radio Two should be split from the BBC also appears to have been rejected.

The committee of seven, set up in 1985 by Mr Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary, has been sympathetic to the idea that Channel 4 should be made separate from the IBA and become an independent television company able to compete.

After 10 years, technological changes will have so changed broadcasting that advertising could be introduced on the BBC or a subscription introduced and the public service aspect reduced to a body like the Arts Council giving grants for specific broadcasting projects.



Captain Christopher Layman, aged 47, being towed away in a snowmobile as he left his ship, HMS Invincible, at Plymouth yesterday to take over as commander of British forces in the Falklands. He is to be promoted to rear-admiral.

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Irish divorce issue linked to Ulster

By Richard Ford

Dr Garret FitzGerald, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, yesterday linked his Government's efforts to remove the constitutional ban on divorce to the problem and attitudes of people in Northern Ireland.

He said the debate and the eventual result of the June referendum to end the ban on divorce would be watched closely by both Unionist and nationalist traditions in the North and would influence their attitudes towards the Republic.

In his first key speech on the issue during the third day of a debate in the Dail, the Prime Minister strongly defended his Government's proposal to remove the ban and introduce divorce under restrictive circumstances.

This speech was the first of a series he is to make during the course of a campaign in which Church and State are to do battle.

Mr Charles Haughey, leader of Fianna Fail opposition, was in the Dail for the concluding stage of the second reading which was passed without a division.

The Bill for a divorce now goes to the committee stage and then to the Senate, the upper house, where it is unlikely to encounter any serious difficulties.

Dr FitzGerald said that as a practising Roman Catholic he was personally against divorce but believed private morality could not be governed by public legislation.

Dr FitzGerald said that if

Clashes as hippies are evicted

By Richard Ford

Barbed wire, Druids, landowners, hippies and High Court actions have combined to ensure that the summer solstice at Stonehenge will once again be a messy rather than a mystical affair.

The barbed wire was erected around the ancient monument last week following the threat by hundreds of hippies, currently converging on the West Country, to establish a huge camp near the site in preparation for a pop concert.

An indication of future clashes came yesterday when bailiffs evicted 240 vehicles, 270 people, 30 dogs and 17 goats from an encampment at Beach, between Bristol and Bath.

Mr Jack Aspinwall, Conservative MP for Wansdyke, said the exercise proved the need for a strengthening of the law against trespassers. He said police had been pelted with excrement and had turned a blind eye against obvious law-breaking in order to move the campers.

In a High Court action in London on Monday the National Trust, English Heritage, the Ministry of Defence, and 23 other landowners will continue an action seeking to have 49 named individuals barred.

The situation has been further complicated by the entry into the dispute of the Secular Order of Druids, who have been given leave to challenge the decision of English Heritage to restrict access to Stonehenge on June 21, the summer solstice.

Chernobyl fallout

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Radiation higher in North

Radiation doses in Britain in the next year, as a direct result of the Chernobyl reactor accident, will be 15 per cent above the normal level from natural radiation for people in the North and 1 per cent in the south of the country.

The estimate is contained in the first scientific paper published since the incident, in Nature. The study was carried out by the National Radiological Protection Board, Chilton, Oxfordshire.

The division between North and South is a partition of meteorology rather than geography, separating areas according to the effects of rainfall.

Although measurements covered 10 radioactive substances, the calculations focused on the three of greatest importance: iodine-131, caesium-134, and caesium-137, because those get into the food chain.

Analyses were made of samples from atmospheric and rainwater monitors from 40 sites, and of milk and vegetables from the surrounding areas.

The investigation provided practical insight into the way a radioactive cloud spreads. Iodine began appearing at levels earlier than expected in milk, showing that the substance in a vapour form came ahead of iodine in the form of tiny particles.

Most of the radioactive materials deposited on the ground as dry microscopic dust in the South was iodine.

NCB court challenge to Scargill

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An attempt by Mr Arthur Scargill and the National Union of Mineworkers to freeze out the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers from pay negotiations with the National Coal Board was challenged in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Scott is being asked by the board to declare that the 1946 Conciliation Agreement with the NUM as the one negotiating body for mineworkers is not legally enforceable and can be terminated by notice.

But the NUM argue that it is legally binding and can be terminated only by consent.

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, for the board, said after the 1984 coal strike and the formation of the UDM the board agreed to negotiate directly.

In October last year the NUM referred the wage negotiations to the National Reference Tribunal, the arbitration body set up to rule on disputes arising out of the conciliation scheme, claiming the board was in breach of the scheme.

But in spite of the board's objections that the NRT did not have jurisdiction, it went ahead to hear the NUM's case. The hearing continues.

Tanzania plan

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Dar-es-Salaam (Reuters) — Tanzania is planning to take part in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh starting in July despite the rebel New Zealand rugby tour of South Africa. African countries have been urged by the Organization of African Unity and the Union of African Sports Confederation to isolate New Zealand from the games.

Complex symptoms jeopardize treatment

By Thomson Practice Science Correspondent

Doctors treating casualties from the Chernobyl disaster are dismayed by the complex range of radiation-induced conditions emerging in many of the patients.

Although about twenty victims have received bone marrow transplants, others have developed severe problems, including liver and kidney failure and extensive lung damage, which make the operation futile.

Specialists in radiation injuries look for two classic syndromes, based on studies of previous human casualties and animal experiments. But some of the cases in Moscow hospitals apparently do not conform fully to either.

One syndrome involves extensive gastro-intestinal damage, which causes death within about two weeks. The other involves damage to bone marrow, also leading to death within a few weeks, as a result of gross infection from the body's endemic bacteria.

Dr Robert Gale, a United States bone marrow specialist, who has been treating the worst affected Chernobyl victims, said in Moscow on Thursday that he and Russian colleagues had been struck by the complexity of the patients' medical condition.

Some British radiation experts believe the patients may have almost untreatable combinations of the two syndromes, aggravated by the effects of smoke and toxic fumes from the stricken nuclear

Minister's challenge on school policy

By George Hill

A challenge to government moves towards a policy of closer national control of schools was made yesterday by Dr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Northern Ireland and the favoured contender of the Conservative Party's right wing to succeed Sir Keith Joseph as Secretary of State for Education and Science. Mr Christopher Patten, number two in Sir Keith's department, who is seen as the leading left-wing contender for the job, recently advocated a network of crown schools under close Whitehall supervision, to set standards for the rest of the state system.

"It would be tragic if Britain ever considered going down the Continental road of centralizing educational control by turning its back on education's origins and history in this country which were based on individual, group and local control", Dr Boyson told a meeting of the Freedom Association in Cheltenham.

"Many people might consider that under a Conservative Government national educational control would be in benevolent hands, but alas around the corner would always be the threat of other party government, far less benevolent, and even, as in some local education authorities, subject to extreme political control which would destroy the freedoms in education of both parents and teachers", Dr Boyson said.

"Parents should be put in charge of schools. We have a choice of methods including the educational voucher, direct funding of schools on a pupil-capitation ratio, and open recruitment as tried in Kent."

"The key requirement is that schools should be directly responsible to parents so that teachers know their success and promotion will depend on satisfying parents, not pandering to educational fashion."

The Prime Minister was showing signs last month of wanting a fresh examination of the possibilities of introducing a system of vouchers giving parents the means to send their children to the school of their choice in the state or private sector. It is an idea which has long attracted her.

It was also reported last month that Mrs Thatcher favoured the crown schools proposal to counter the influence of often politically extreme local education authorities.

Dr Boyson's intervention detaches him from the crown schools policy identified with Mr Patten, while stressing the potential of vouchers and similar systems for reducing the influence of local authorities, even the best of which, he says, are generally too large to respond sensitively to community feeling.

Hospital staff halt supplies

By Thomson Practice Science Correspondent

A strike by 24 health service drivers at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, has halted routine admissions and non-emergency surgery cases.

The drivers, protesting against a two-hour cut in their weekly overtime, have been picketing the hospital entrances since Wednesday turning back food and medical deliveries.

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Traditional jewellery attracts record interest

By Haon Mallalieu

A sale of jewellery by Christie's in Geneva, Switzerland, on Thursday pushed their total for the week's auctions to about 33 million Swiss francs, or £12 million.

Art nouveau pieces were particularly in demand, although traditionally set diamonds and rubies were the trade's best friends.

Van Clee and Arpels paid Sw Fr 990,000, or £353,571 (estimate Sw Fr 600,000-700,000), for a fan-shaped brooch based on nine cushion-shaped rubies, and Cartier paid Sw Fr 770,000, or

£275,000 (estimate Sw Fr 400,000-500,000), for a clip brooch of their own making, again in rubies and diamonds, shaped as a palm tree.

An art nouveau enamel necklace by Rene Lalique made what might be considered a record price of Sw Fr 230,000, or £82,500 (estimate Sw Fr 100,000-120,000), although changing exchange rates over the years make that a contentious claim.

A portmanteau sale of gold boxes, objects of vertu, miniatures and Russian works of art, including pieces by Fabergé, held by Sotheby's in Geneva on Thursday, pushed their total for the week to Sw Fr 22,271,050, or £7,814,403.

In New York on Thursday, Sotheby's began a two-day sale of Old Masters and modern prints, producing \$2,014,760, or £1,263,172, with only 4 per cent bought in. An auction record for a United States print of \$143,000, or £89,655 (estimate \$60,000-\$80,000), was paid by a US dealer for a monotype, entitled "Telegraph Hill", dating from about 1896 by Maurice Prendergast.

A 1925 impression of the Matisse lithograph, "Ne an Cousin Bleu", went to a Japanese dealer at \$93,500, or £58,620.

The secondary sessions of Christie's modern picture sale in New York made a total of \$8,872,050, or £5,687,211, with 5 per cent bought in.

In London, Sotheby's held a sale of late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century decorative arts yesterday.

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Test case on whooping cough vaccine link to brain damage collapses

The High Court test case to determine whether whooping cough vaccine can cause permanent brain damage ended abruptly yesterday at a total cost of nearly £1 million.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith, said that with "great regret" he had concluded it would be pointless for the action, centred on the damages claim by Johnnie Kinnear, to continue any further.

Even if the Official Solicitor was appointed as Johnnie's "next friend" in place of his father, for whom legal aid is being withdrawn on Monday, he would not be able to carry on with the action for other potential litigants, the judge said.

He added that the Official Solicitor would have to re-evaluate the merits of Johnnie's claim and "the reality would be bound to come to the same conclusion as the father, that there was no realistic prospect of success".

The judge dismissed the action against the North West Thames Health Authority, which is responsible for the Becklow Gardens Clinic, where Johnnie, now aged 16, of Shepherd's Bush, west London, received his injection in February 1971.

The action was also dismissed against Dr Joshua Stein, who is in his 80s, of Ravenscourt Park, Hammer-smith, west London, who was alleged to have administered the vaccine in spite of a warning that the vaccine should not be administered to

someone suffering a feverish cold.

The judge adjourned the question of the authority's costs, estimated to be more than six figures, and those of Dr Stein, backed by the Medical Protection Society, for an inquiry.

He discontinued the claim against the drug manufacturer, the Wellcome Foundation, who had re-entered the case as an interested party, although there was no negligence claim against it. Wellcome was always faced with having to pay its own costs, said yesterday to be £500,000.

Johnnie's costs, who sued through his divorced father Michael Kinnear, a former cinema projectionist who gave up work to care fulltime for his son, totalled £250,000. These will be paid by the legal aid fund.

Five similar vaccine damage claims have been stayed pending the outcome of the Kinnear action. There are another 125 waiting to be heard.

It is not known when and which case will reach trial next and consideration will have to be given as to how the general issue of causation - can the vaccine cause brain damage - can be raised.

The judge said the evidence about what happened at the clinic and the immediate effects of the vaccine depended almost entirely on the mother's evidence.

There is no doubt that Johnnie is now suffering from

serious brain damage and is seriously mentally retarded."

He continued: "Having heard or read Mrs Susan Kinnear's evidence the father came to the conclusion, so I am told, that her evidence was not capable of belief, not credible."

"For those reasons he applied to discontinue the action because he took the view, on advice from counsel, that Johnnie's case in this particular action could not succeed."

The judge said that he had invited the Official Solicitor's help as he was anxious to continue with the test case.

He added that to remove Mr Kinnear as "next friend" and substitute the Official Solicitor it was not necessary to show misconduct or impropriety - a possible cause could be his obligation to discontinue if legal aid was withdrawn.

A "next friend" could not conduct litigation "primarily for the world at large or on behalf of a wider class of prospective or future litigants" unless he was satisfied that it was also positively in the infant's interest, the judge said.

He said: "It is a fundamental principle of English jurisprudence that the court does not adjudicate upon theoretical, academic, hypothetical or abstract cases. There has to be a cause of action between the parties, there must be two or more persons having some real or genuine dispute which requires to be resolved."

Consultants face 'moonlight' query

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Consultants who do private practice work when they are meant to be working in the National Health Service or who regularly fail to turn up to operating sessions or outpatient clinics are to face pressure from their colleagues to "get back into line".

The Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, the senior hospital doctors' committee of the British Medical Association, has set up a working party to draw up plans for each hospital or district to have a committee of consultants to which such cases could be referred.

The move comes in the wake of growing demands from general managers for consultants to be made more accountable for their time, and worries among senior consultants that a few of their colleagues are "besmirching" the rest of the profession by not fulfilling their contracts.

Dr Maurice Barrows, chairman of the committee, said yesterday: "We have quite a number of allegations of people not fulfilling their contractual commitments."

"Often these are due to misunderstandings, for example where a consultant works in two or more NHS hospitals and staff at one of them believe he is 'moonlighting' when he is in fact working for the NHS elsewhere."

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Prison for driver who killed girl

A woman "hit and run" motorist who was "almost unconscious" through drinking whisky when she caused the death of a girl aged 18, was jailed for eight months and banned from driving for four years yesterday at the Central Criminal Court.

Elvira Walford, aged 26, a company director, of Becklow Road, Hamersmith, west London, admitted causing the death of Miss Heather Mendez by reckless driving.

Miss Mendez, a store cashier, of De Court, Hanway Road, Hainwell, west London, died instantly when she was tossed "like a rag doll" by the Mercedes car in The Vale, Acton, west London, in October last year.

The Recorder of London, Sir James Mackin, QC, sentenced Walford to two years' jail with two thirds of it suspended.

The judge said Walford, a divorced mother, had consumed a massive amount of whisky - more than three times the legal limit.

Mr Peter Leighton, prosecuting, said Miss Mendez was crossing the road at midnight when Walford, at the wheel of her boyfriend's unlicensed car, hit her at a speed estimated at 50 mph.

Walford was chased by another motorist who stopped her at traffic lights. When she demanded the keys she was "gagged".

Man faces sex ordeal inquiry

Sussex detectives hunting a gang who subjected a boy aged six to a horrifying sex ordeal three years ago are to interview a man held in London.

Police officers in Kennington, south London arrested the man, aged 50, after a recent attack on a boy aged five on a large housing estate there and then alerted Sussex police about similarities in the two cases.

The man, who has appeared in court and been remanded in custody, is also being questioned about other alleged sex attacks on children.

The boy in the Sussex incident was kidnapped as he played near his Brighton home in August 1983, driven to a cliff-top and sexually abused by three men for 90 minutes before being dumped 10 miles from his home.

A wave of public revulsion followed and £71,000 in rewards was offered to help catch the gang.

Two guilty of murder

Barry Parsons, aged 42, a builder, of Worthing, Robert Causabon-Vincent, aged 41, a carpenter, of Litchampton, were found guilty by the Central Criminal Court yesterday of murdering a "bondage" prostitute, Christine Oxford, aged 35, at Queensgate, Kensington, west London.

Margaret Dunbar, aged 29, also a prostitute, of St Paul's Close, Hounslow, was found guilty of manslaughter and jailed for seven years.

Mugger wants victim's son to punish her

A girl aged 18 who mugged six old women and left one covered with blood wants the son of one of the victims to punish her, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Maria Holgate was sentenced to five years' youth custody. But after she has served her sentence she intends to ask the son of Mrs Emily Shine, aged 72, to give her a "good hiding", the court was told.

Mrs Shine was battered with a chopping board and kicked almost unconscious in her home. Two rings were torn from her fingers with such force that one finger was broken, Mr Simon Smith, prosecuting, said.

She was now so filled with remorse she wanted to punish her. "If they are still alive," Mrs. Nemone Lethbridge, defending, said. "She also wants Mrs Shine's son to give her a good hiding."

Science report

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Research that aims to relate the incidence of childhood cancer in different parts of Britain to geographic variations in radiation exposure is being conducted at Birmingham University.

The main objective is to separate the effects of medical and background radiation and to estimate the contribution of each.

Cancer in childhood is relatively uncommon, affecting only about one in 650 children up to the age of 15 years. Improved methods of treatment ensure that about 60 per cent survive into adulthood, but about 400 children die from leukaemia and other cancers every year.

The work was begun by Dr



Enter the dragon: 22 Army canoeists leaving Camden Lock in London yesterday at the start of a 180-mile, nine-day endurance test in a Chinese Dragon Boat along Britain's canals to Nottingham to help Bob Geldof's Sport Aid appeal. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Architect seeks Ronan files

By Charles Knevit, Architecture Correspondent

There was a call yesterday for the Ronan Point public inquiry to be reopened and for the facts of the disaster, in 1968, to be published.

Mr Sam Webb, the architect whose structural survey of the 22-storey tower block in Newham, east London, led to its evacuation for the second time in 1984, said that evidence about the possible original cause of the gas explosion, which led to its partial collapse, killing five people, had never come to light.

Mr Webb told *The Times* that several tenants had reported hearing two explosions on the morning of May 16, 1968, and that the first might have been caused by an electrical fault in flat 90 on the eighteenth floor, which was the source of the blast.

The public inquiry, report-

laid the blame on a badly fitting nut between the mains gas supply and a cooker in the flat, occupied by Miss Ivy Hodge. The explosion occurred after Miss Hodge had filled her kettle to make a cup of tea.

Mr Webb, who has twice studied the inquiry files held at the Department of the Environment, said the evidence was still there and needed to be re-examined.

A party was held at Ronan Point yesterday, the eighteenth anniversary of the disaster, to mark the start of its scientific demolition on Monday. Some of the wall and floor panels will be taken away from examination by government scientists at the Building Research Establishment.

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Fresh call for extra rights for solicitors

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society yesterday made clear it will not continue talks with the Government on reforms to the profession's working practices unless officials accept that a solicitor would be allowed to conduct cases in the Crown court.

In a renewed attempt to gain for solicitors the right to appear in courts now restricted to barristers, the Law Society said it would not go on with talks on the package of proposals that the Government has tabled during current negotiations on criminal legal aid fees.

The Government must first accept that a solicitor as well as a barrister could conduct cases in the Crown court, the Society said.

A key proposal of the Government's package to reform working practices and cut costs is that in a number of cases a barrister should be able to appear in court without a solicitor in attendance. More than 95 per cent of Crown court cases would be affected and solicitors' work could be severely reduced.

In a statement yesterday the society said: "If the Government insists that for public purse considerations these cases should only be conducted by one lawyer, the Law Society's view is that it must be on the basis that that lawyer can be either a barrister or a solicitor."

The Law Society's demand comes in the wake of a small relaxation earlier this week to the rules which prohibited solicitors from appearing in the High Court.

The demand may present a stumbling block during the present talks between the professions and the Lord Chancellor's Department, although both sides have made it clear that the fees issue is to be concluded separately from that of working practices.

On the fees front, the Law Society said yesterday that much time had been taken up discussing what matters the Lord Chancellor wished to take account of in setting a fair rate of pay.

Mr Ingham told Mr George that he had noticed a fault signal for one of the private apartments and went to investigate.

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Mr George went on: "Mr Ingham told me the signal was showing for apartment 10 but he had misread it and visited number nine."

"Whatever he did, he had no cause for alarm at the panel accepted his re-set and the alarm system was back in business."

Mr George added: "Even if there had been a problem, other staff were on duty all that weekend, 24 hours a day and would have spotted it."

The day after their conversation, April 6, Mr Ingham failed to turn up for work. A search was launched and he was later found dead.

Lieutenant Colonel George McEwen, the Royal Coroner, told the court that police inquiries revealed there were no suspicious circumstances.

A verdict of drowning was recorded.

But he began to suffer from a mental illness and his career was now in tatters. He was also getting divorced.

He had never put his children at risk before and Ashton was a man who was clearly ill and needed help.

Ashton had admitted causing grievous bodily harm to his son and to Judge Kenneth Willcock placed him on probation for two years during which time he receives medical treatment.

Portfolio Gold

Mrs Slinder Uppal was so stunned that she had the winning numbers in yesterday's Portfolio Gold game that she asked her colleagues at work to check, "just to make sure."

"I couldn't believe I had won. I normally play Portfolio Gold when I get to work each morning", Mrs Uppal, a clerical assistant, said.

"When the right numbers came up I asked my friends to go through it again."

Mrs Uppal, of Handsworth, Birmingham, is the only winner in yesterday's game and said she will use her £4,000 prize to buy a new car.

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Two on MoD fraud charge

A father and son charged with fraud involving Ministry of Defence equipment worth more than £300,000, were refused bail yesterday by Hemel Hempstead magistrates.

Dennis Evans, aged 60, of Kenworth, Bedfordshire, and his son Paul, aged 32, both from Richmond Electronics in Markyate, Hertfordshire, are said to have been receiving money from government contracts without supplying the goods.

£1/2m left after self neglect

A woman said by a coroner to have died of self neglect has left an estate of £530,300 net, it was disclosed yesterday.

Miss Eleanor Joan Reekie, aged 75, daughter of the former head of Initial Towel Services, was found dead from malnutrition at her home in Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, last January.

Sea search off

An air and sea search for three fishermen, Ian Hamilton, aged 22, Gilbert McAllister, aged 25, and William Brandie, aged 19, all from Islay, in the Western Isles, was called off yesterday when wreckage from their 40ft catamaran was found washed up on the island's west coast.

Jet-set baby

A baby boy was delivered on board a British Airways jet as it flew from London to Manila yesterday after Mrs Vivienne Carson went into labour. The mother and child were said to be doing well in a hospital in Bombay last night.

Hoare divorce

Sir Frederick Hoare, aged 73, a former Lord Mayor of London, and his third wife, Sarah, intend to end their two-year marriage by a special procedure divorce in the London Divorce Court.

Cyanide alert

Warnings were issued to people living by the River Avon yesterday after 50 gallons of cyanide leaked into the river from the Bowerhill sewage works at Melksham, Wiltshire.

Peer's divorce

Lord Queensberry has petitioned in the London Divorce Court for a special procedure divorce from his wife after 16 years' marriage.

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Levels of background gamma radiation have recently been surveyed by the National Radiological Protection Board, with readings available for every 10 square kilometres of the national grid. As a result, each of the cancer cases has been given a value for its dose from background radiation.

It is hoped that by relating the incidence of childhood cancer to the geographical distributions of medical and non-medical radiation the separate effects of the two kinds of exposure can be assessed and the relationships more precisely measured.

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Three weeks after Chernobyl

Russians strive to reassure tourists and Kiev residents

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Three weeks after the world's largest nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, the Soviet authorities have launched a sweeping campaign designed to reassure foreign tourists that the Ukraine is safe and to calm mounting anxiety among the 2.3 million residents of Kiev about the safety of local foodstuffs.

The campaign follows the warning on Thursday by the 12 members of the EEC against all travel to the Ukraine and Byelorussia because of the continuing high levels of radiation.

The new Soviet moves, backed by wide coverage in the official media, came as news emerged for the first time about whole families leaving the Kiev region and moving to Moscow to stay with relatives and friends. It was impossible to estimate how many people have already used this escape route.

One Muscovite said yesterday: "I have just heard from a friend who is finding life very difficult because a group of seven of his relatives from Kiev have moved in and insist that he let them stay until the scare there is over."

Already hundreds of foreign tourists, students and workers have been evacuated from the Ukraine, and yesterday Tass announced that special medical control centres had been set up at all Kiev hotels to reassure tourists about radiation levels.

Tass emphasized that tourists, the state tour organization, had not suspended tours to the city "even for a single minute" since the explosion took place some 60 miles away. But recently returned Western visitors have said that the main hotels are virtually empty.

As part of the campaign, Mr Vladimir Fedorenko, director-general of the Kiev branch of Intourist, yesterday accused Western newspapers and diplomats, who are still barred from the city, of attempting to scare away foreign visitors during the early days after the disaster became known.

Parallel to the efforts to woo back tourists have come extensive efforts to calm widespread fears among residents of Kiev and the surrounding region about the safety of fresh foods. These include the setting up of special radiation checkpoints at all of the city's 22 fruit and vegetable markets.

Despite the strong European warnings about hazardous radiation levels in Ukraine, the Soviet authorities insist on telling their own citizens that most food produced in collective farms outside the 18-mile exclusion zone around the stricken plant is safe.

Yesterday, both the party

and Tass carried separate accounts of trading in the markets, claiming that it had most certainly not declined because of the radiation leak. In fact, 1,200 tons more of vegetables and herbs had been supplied by the farms in the surrounding region than in 1985.

But between the lines of the official reports the pointers to widespread local anxiety are easy to see. It is disclosed that, as a precaution, all the markets are washed down three times a day and that the sale of milk, cottage cheese, sour cream and all leafy vegetables has been suspended indefinitely.

All vegetables sold at the markets are checked with Geiger counters and special radiation units have been established so that worried shoppers can check their purchases a second time.

A panic would have tragic consequences for the huge reforestation industry in the northern coniferous zone.

Of the 60,000 Lapplanders in Scandinavia, 40,000 live primarily in Norway. More than 3,000 depend totally on reindeer for their livelihood.

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Two Lebanese students at the American University in Beirut making their views clear yesterday during the sit-in to protest against the kidnapping of their lecturers and friends.

Chemical weapons win formal Nato approval

From Frederick Bonnant, Brussels

Nato yesterday adopted formally a controversial plan that will allow the United States to go ahead with the production of a new generation of binary chemical weapons.

Despite strong resistance from several European countries, notably The Netherlands, a Nato spokesman said that the alliance's Defence Planning Council had adopted the US section of the alliance's military force goals for 1987-92. This opens the way for Washington to resume chemical weapons production in October 1987 after a 17-year break.

Yesterday's decision is expected to be approved formally by Nato defence ministers

when they meet in Brussels on Wednesday.

The US Congress ruled last year that the Reagan Administration could not resume production of chemical weapons unless it first had the approval of its Nato allies.

● BONN: West Germany's Ambassador in Washington has reported to Bonn that President Reagan might withdraw 20 per cent of his troops from West Germany, the popular daily Bild claimed yesterday (Frank Johnson writes.)

A 20 per cent reduction in American troops would mean the loss of 50,000 out of the present total in West Germany of 250,000.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has called on the American Jewish community to support the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia, saying that if Iranian influence in the region was to advance, then America's strategic interest would be harmed, and so would that of Israel.

Taking the Administration's struggle to force through Congress the \$354 million (£226 million) sale directly to the influential American Jewish Committee, he told its annual dinner that there were many in the Arab world who wanted peace and moderation and could be brought to accept Israel.

"But if America cannot demonstrate that we are a constant, effective, strong and responsible presence in the Middle East, those with the best of intentions inevitably will make their accommodations with those who bear the worst intentions towards us."

The House of Representatives and the Senate have blocked the sale.

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Budget cut 'puts US security in danger'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan has accused the House of Representatives of taking "unacceptable risks" with US security by voting for a defence budget \$35 billion (£22.6 billion) lower than he had requested.

In an angry letter to Mr Robert Michel, the Republican minority leader, Mr Reagan said the radical anti-defence budget, later passed by the Democratic-controlled House, would "cripple the combat readiness of our conventional forces". It would take unacceptable risks with national security at a time when an immense Soviet military build-up was continuing uninterrupted.

"Has Congress so soon forgotten the consequences of short-changing national defence? I cannot believe the American people - given the fact that would approve of what the House budget committee would have us do."

The President said large improvements in military personnel and readiness could not be sustained with a \$35 billion reduction. Research and development for more than 50 programmes would have to be stretched out or shelved. Missions cutbacks would reduce US ability to sustain forces in combat.

He particularly blamed the House budget committee, which is controlled by the Democrats, in a last-minute attempt to sway votes. Nevertheless, a few hours later the whole House passed his \$994 billion budget by 245 to 179 votes. There were 17 Republicans who supported the Democratic majority, though 19 Democrats voted against it.

The House plan reduces the military budget below this year's level of \$286.8 billion, cutting \$16 billion more than the Senate had proposed. The House cut equally into defence and domestic spending.

The House and Senate now go to conference to work out their differences on the military budget. House leaders say they are willing to move towards the Senate's higher figure.

Despite Mr Reagan's tough words, the White House has so far done little lobbying for its overall budget plan, unwilling to get involved in a fight over the contentious issue of raising taxes.

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Colombia guerrillas kill 10 in ambush

Bogota (Reuters) - Guerrillas have killed eight soldiers, a civilian and a rebel during an ambush of a military convoy in one of the bloodiest guerrilla attacks in Colombia in recent months, the Defence Ministry said.

The attack, 10 days before a scheduled presidential election, happened on Wednesday night near Ota, in the north-west.

General Augusto Rodriguez, Army commander in the area, said that 15 soldiers were injured when four trucks were ambushed by unidentified guerrillas. Political sources say that such ambushes, and recent fighting in the south-western Cauca region, will not jeopardize the election.

Rocket found in Jakarta

Jakarta (Reuters) - Jakarta's international school and the American Express Bank were evacuated after warnings about bombs when an unexploded rocket was found outside the Soviet Embassy.

It is believed to be one of two home-made rockets fired at the US and Japanese Embassies on Wednesday.

Tornado trail

New York (AP) - Tornadoes roared through Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and Ohio, killing one person in Missouri, damaging homes and leaving more than 20 people homeless.

Singer hurt

Seoul (AFP) - An English singer, Allen Pickeny, and his wife were slightly injured in a hotel fire in Seoul.

Czechs jailed

Vienna (AP) - Six Czechoslovaks have been sentenced to jail terms of up to 20 months for taking part in a poster campaign against Soviet missiles and Soviet influence in their country.

Genghis tomb

Peking (AFP) - The tomb of the Mongolian warrior king, Genghis Khan, in the Ordos Highlands in Inner Mongolia, has been renovated and opened to tourists.

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National Front backs Government

French left defeated in attempt to topple Chirac on privatization

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The first attempt by the French left to bring down the two-month-old conservative Government has failed. The motion tabled by the Socialists won only 251 votes yesterday, well short of the absolute majority of 289 needed for the motion to be adopted.

The National Front decided at the last moment not to vote for the motion. The extreme-right party has been criticized by its supporters for having appeared to side too closely with the Socialists and the Communists in its opposition to the Government.

Already one of the 35 National Front deputies has decided to leave the group and to join the Government's ranks, and party supporters fear others might follow.

The defeat of the motion means that the enabling Bill to allow the Government to legislate by decree on a series of economic and social measures, including privatization, is deemed to have passed its first reading in the National Assembly, and will now go to the Senate.

The Government has drawn up a list of 65 state-owned

industrial groups, banks, and insurance companies which it intends to privatize over the next five years. Details of how this is to be done have not yet been announced. It is not yet known, for example, whether the Government will attempt to retain some form of control over the newly privatized companies.

M. Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, came out earlier this week against a British-style "golden share" system, giving the Government a veto over some decisions. But his Minister for Privatization, M. Camille Cabanis, said again yesterday that some preferential share system would be devised to protect the national interest.

President Mitterrand has already announced that he will not sign any decree relating to the privatization of companies nationalized before the Socialists came to power in 1981.

Constitutional experts are divided over whether the President has the right to refuse to sign decrees, but point out that the Government could always circumvent the problem by pre-

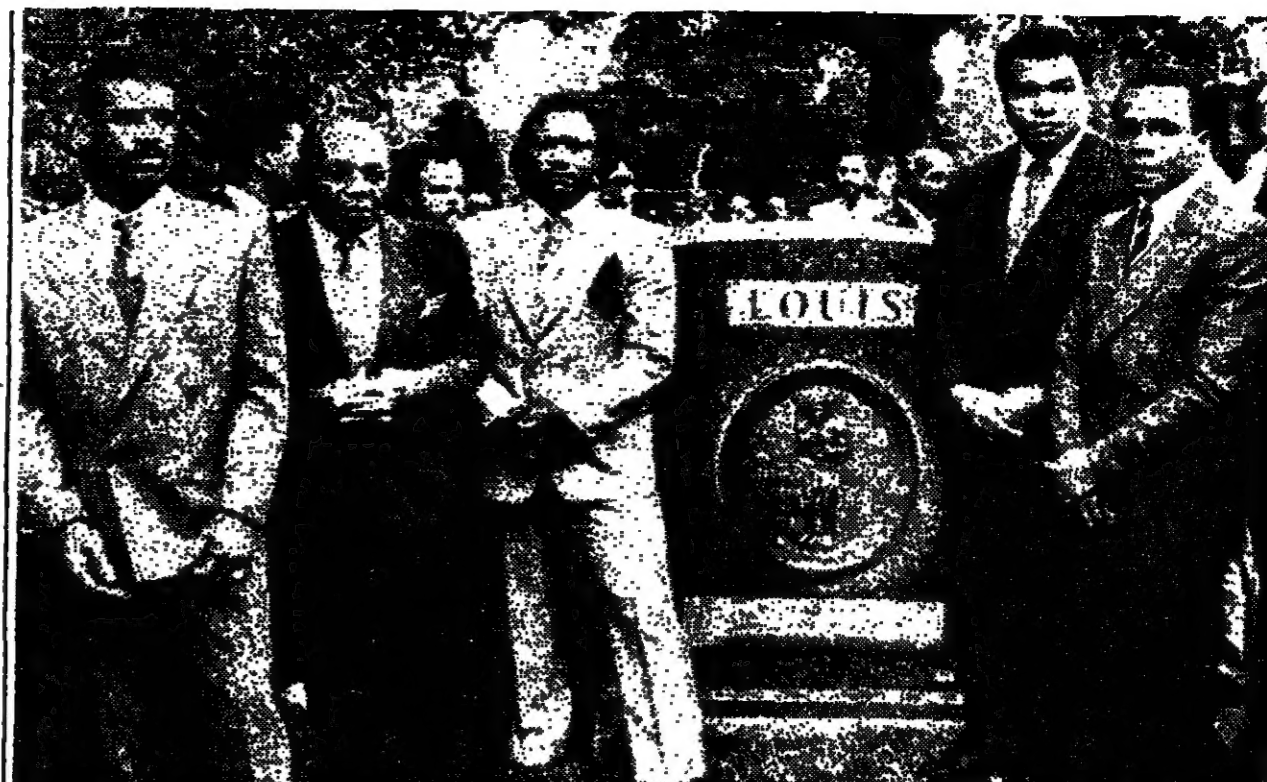
sending difficult cases of privatization to Parliament in the form of a Bill.

After two months of surprisingly harmonious political "collaboration", M. Mitterrand appears to have decided to make his differences with the Government more frequently in public. Some commentators have already begun talking of the end of the "honeymoon" between the President and M. Chirac.

At Wednesday's Cabinet meeting, over which M. Mitterrand always presides, he went out of his way to express his "strong reservations and disapproval" of the Government's controversial plan to abolish the requirement that companies obtain Government approval before laying off workers.

He also gave an implicit warning that he might seek to intervene in the Government's plans for New Caledonia if he feels that they would disturb the new fragile harmony between the indigenous Kanaks and the white settlers.

M. Mitterrand is also expected to voice opposition to the decision to privatize the television channel, TFI.



Some of boxing's famous names at a memorial service at the grave of Joe Louis, the former world champion, in Arlington, Virginia, included (from left) Michael Spinks, Jersey Joe Walcott, Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard.

15 Bengali victims in rebel raid

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

Fifteen people were shot dead and 24 more wounded seriously as separatist guerrillas in Bangladesh's south-eastern Chittagong hills attacked a Bengali settlement. Interior Ministry officials said yesterday.

The rebels allegedly belonged to the Shami Bahini (Peace Force), a Marxist group which has been fighting since 1976 for an independent homeland for 500,000 Buddhist Chakma and Marma tribesmen in the hills bordering eastern India and Burma.

About 50 guerrillas with automatic weapons attacked the village in Khagrachari district, about 280 miles from Dhaka, and set alight several hamlets, local officials said.

Soldiers from an outpost near by said that the rebels, who made the attack on Tuesday, threw bodies into the flames before escaping.

About 10,000 troops were sent into the hills last week after another guerrilla attack on April 29 in which more than 40 people in a Bengali settlement were killed.

The guerrilla war was triggered by a government decision in the early 1970s to resettle landless Muslim Bengali farmers in the hills, the least populated part of the country.

Guerrilla leaders have demanded the end of the resettlement programme.



New Yugoslav leader vows to fight inflation

From Dusan Trevisan Belgrade

With retail prices already up by more than 30 per cent in the first quarter, Mr Branko Mikulic, Yugoslavia's new Premier, has pinpointed reducing inflation among his Government's primary and most urgent tasks.

Addressing Parliament after presenting his new Government - in which the posts of defence, foreign affairs and internal affairs were retained by ministers in the previous government - he described inflation as a threat to the Yugoslav regime as well as to national security.

He left no doubt of his resolve to restore order and discipline and to instil in the country the realization that it cannot continue to live beyond its means.

He said that he would insist on Government programmes being carried through and on laws being observed.

But in short, the recent rise in salaries has pushed up consumption in all sectors, including public spending.

Corsican guerrillas kill two in holiday camp bombing

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

Two people have been killed and four injured by bombs planted by a guerrilla group claiming to represent the outlawed separatist movement in Corsica which exploded in a holiday camp near Cargèse in the central west of the island, about 40 miles north of the island capital, Ajaccio.

The heavily armed 15-man group, wearing balaclavas and speaking the Corsican dialect, burst into the camp on Thursday afternoon and tied up the owner, M. Jacques Rosset, aged 66, his wife, and some 30 tourists before planting the bombs and escaping.

M. Rosset and his wife freed themselves, and while Mme Rosset went to fetch the police her husband began trying to defuse the bombs.

At the very moment that she returned with the police at around 8pm, however, one bomb exploded, killing M. Rosset and a policeman and injuring Mme Rosset, another policeman and two tourists.

Witnesses said that the guerrillas claimed to be members of the National Corsican Liberation Front (FLNC), which has been carrying out terrorist activities on the island for ten years in support of its demands for independence from France.

The movement has claimed responsibility for more than 30 terrorist attacks so far this year, including three against tourist installations.

But the attacks are usually aimed against property and are not normally designed to kill or maim.

It is the first time in Corsican history that anyone has been killed by terrorists in a holiday camp.

M. Charles Pasqua, the Corsican-born Interior Minister of France, announced yesterday that the Government has decided to "react very vigorously against these practices", and said that certain measures had already been taken on the island.

"For us the situation is clear," he said. "We are not dealing with nationalists, but with gangsters..."

"We live in a democratic country where nothing can justify violence. When a minority tries to use force to impose its law, it is called a fascist minority."

M. Robert Pandraud, Minister for Security, who flew to the holiday camp in the early

hours yesterday, later addressed the regional assembly on the island.

"Two new lives have been sacrificed because of the criminal obstinacy of an imbecile fanaticism. Words fail me to describe the revolt and the indignation I felt on hearing the news," he said.

He pledged that the Government would act with renewed vigour to "render the assassins incapable of doing further harm".

Replying, M. Jean-Paul de Rocca Serra, President of the right-wing-controlled Assembly, said: "By your presence, the Government has shown its rapidity. We shall now wait for it to show its determination."

The new conservative Government in Paris has made the fight against terrorism and crime one of its top priorities. M. Pandraud recently spoke of its determination "to terrorize the terrorists".

Nearly 30 suspected Corsican separatists were arrested in several towns on the island yesterday by police investigating the attack.

Most were released as soon as they had been able to establish alibis at the time of the attack.

Strike threat to Iberia flights

From Harry Debellus Madrid

Iberia Airlines was ready to cancel about 125 flights today, including most of its international flights and the Madrid-Barcelona shuttle service, if pilots went ahead with a 24-hour strike.

An 18-hour bargaining session ended without agreement on Thursday, with the Spanish Airline Pilots' Association and Iberia still at odds on how to apply a year-old court ruling which recognized the pilots' right to certain periods of rest between flights.

The association said yesterday that it was willing to go back to the negotiating table, but that Iberia would have to make the first move. The 24-hour walkout would be followed by further stoppages until agreement was reached.

To comply with the court decision in its strictest sense, Iberia would have to space out some flight schedules and to cancel some flights altogether, or hire extra pilots.

A state-run company deeply in the red, it has offered to pay compensation in lieu of some rest periods. The pilots refused.

BRUSSELS: Public services in Belgium ground to a halt for the second time in a month yesterday as workers went on strike against planned government austerity measures (Richard Owen writes).

The railways were hit by strikes on Wednesday and Thursday, and the protest spread to some private companies and other services.

But support for the strike appears patchy, with some public services opting for a reduced service rather than closure. There were some mail deliveries.

Socialist unions sought to broaden the strike, but this was opposed by the powerful Christian unions, which are more sympathetic to the Christian Democrat-Liberal coalition of Dr Wilfried Martens.

The strikes on May 6 and again yesterday were intended to influence Cabinet budget deliberations, but their impact has been reduced by fear of unemployment and because many Belgians are taking extensive time off this month.

Locusts a threat on four fronts

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

For the first time in more than 50 years millions of acres of farmland in eastern and southern Africa are being threatened simultaneously by four species of migratory locusts.

The return of widespread rains after years of drought have created conditions especially favourable to four species - the desert locust, the African migratory locust, the red locust and the brown locust - each threatening a different part of the region.

Officials of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) here say that plans are being drawn up in conjunction with other specialist organizations to tackle the menace with aerial spraying.

The desert locust, which virtually disappeared from its breeding grounds in the Horn of Africa after the 1962-64 drought, has returned in Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Egypt.

Despite spraying from the air, another species, the African migratory locust, has moved from Sudan into northern Ethiopia, northern Uganda and Kenya. Swarms of this species have appeared as far south as Cape Town.

The red locust, normally found in Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique, was reported recently in parts of southern Kenya.

The brown locust has appeared in its largest numbers for 20 years in the Karoo area of Cape Province, South Africa.

The FAO director-general, Mr Edouard Saouma, says that the countries affected by the new threat cannot control the locusts with their own limited resources. International aid from the FAO and other bodies was essential.

Turkey's barred parties win way into Parliament

From Rasit Gardilek, Ankara

Two-and-a-half years after the elections which ended three years of military rule in Turkey, only one of the three parties then allowed to take part survives, while most of those barred from "the model Parliament" have forced their way in.

Ironically, the way in for most of them was provided by the demise on May 4 of the Nationalist Democracy Party, the ill-fated favourite of the former military rulers.

The previously extra-parliamentary Social Democrats had already entered Parliament in October through a merger with the officially-recognized Populist Opposition. The link-up created the Social Democratic Populist Party, which recent polls have shown to be in second place.

Early this year a social democratic left-wing party, the DSP, supported by Mr Bulent Ecevit, the former Social Democrat Prime Minister, and led by his wife, Mrs Rahsan Ecevit, followed suit by enlisting four populist defectors.

Then followed the small Citizens' Party (VAP). Its two seats were held by Mr Vural Arikan, a former Finance Minister in the Government of Mr Turgut Ozal, and his sister, both of whom had been expelled from the ruling Motherland Party.

But on May 4 came the most dramatic change, when the Nationalist Democracy Party, already run-down after recurring defeats, dissolved itself. Its remaining 52 MPs joined the ranks of the independents, whose numbers rose to a record 94 in the 400-seat Grand National Assembly.

The rise in the number of independents led immediately

to a three-way battle, with Mr Ozal firing the first shots.

Worried about threatened defections from his party's extreme right and armed with his reinterpretation of the post-coup constitution, which bars inter-party moves, he managed to recruit 22 of the independents while suffering only one defection. The move boosted his parliamentary majority from 206 to 227.

Next, Mr Mehmet Yazar, who resigned from the True Path Party after an unsuccessful challenge to Mr Suleyman Demirel, the former Conservative Prime Minister, recruited 21 independents for his newly-formed Free Democratic Party.

Finally, the True Path Party, which is pledged to a political comeback, for Mr Demirel (like Mr Ecevit, he has been banned from active politics until 1992), managed to recruit 20 deputies, just enough to form a parliamentary group.

One of the True Path recruits was a deputy from the ruling party and Mr Ozal hinted at expelling him from Parliament.

True Path responded by saying that "the questioned legitimacy" of Mr Ozal was a thing of the past and that the party would concentrate on the future from now on.

The Social Democratic Populist Party, with 84 seats in the Parliament, opted to stay out of the fray and said it would not buy from the "parliamentary bazars".

There now remain 31 independents who will be divided among the various right-wing parties within coming weeks. Eleven seats are vacant, and by-elections will be held "in good time", says Mr Ozal.

EEC forced to list trade war targets

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The EEC Commission yesterday said it would be obliged to respond to America's raising of tariffs against wine and other selected European products, but wanted to avoid a "pointless escalation" of the trade war.

European products on the American tariff list, which comes into force on Monday, include white wine, pear and apple juice, beer, chocolate and sweets. Unless there is agreement, a second US list of higher tariffs will come into force on July 2 against gin, whisky, cheese, vegetables, sausage and mineral water.

The EEC list of American products intended for retaliation includes soy cake, corn gluten feed, fruit juice, beer, wine and bourbon.

The new American quotas have been set at between 20 and 40 per cent higher than last year - a deliberate move by the Reagan Administration to minimize their impact.

EEC officials have nonetheless expressed alarm at the impending American measures, describing their disappointment that the understanding reached with the US at the recent Tokyo summit on the need for reforms in agricultural trade had not prevented confrontation.

The first stage of American restrictions was to have taken effect at the beginning of this month, but it was deferred in order not to sour the atmosphere at Tokyo.

Washington says that its action is in retaliation for the

restriction on American grain and oil seed exports to Spain and Portugal. But a Commission spokesman said that the arrangements for Spain and Portugal were normal transitional procedures.

Negotiations to avoid an open dispute began in Geneva this month within the framework of Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade).

Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Commissioner for External Relations, said the Community had not provoked the dispute, but instead had tried to convince Washington that unilateral action would be harmful and contrary to Gatt.

He said that the EEC had no option but to reply with equal measures.

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Brazil's computer embargo angers US

From a Correspondent Rio de Janeiro

Washington is studying a series of trade sanctions in retaliation for Brazil's rigidly protected market in micro computers.

President Reagan has instructed his economic policy council to draw up a list of measures by June 25 to restrict sale of Brazilian goods to the US, in response to Brazil's "unfair trade practices", the White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, announced this week.

Mr Reagan has until September 8 to act on the council's recommendations, which

could include tariffs or quotas on Brazilian shoes, aircraft and coffee.

The announcements bring to a head a dispute that has turned informatics, as the Brazilians call it, into the most difficult of all policy issues between the two nations.

In 1984, the Brazilian Congress renewed a law that shields its fledgling computer industry from foreign competition until at least 1992.

The law reserves the growing market in personal and mini-computers for strictly national computer companies. A US Government report says that these barriers have cost multinational companies as

estimated \$1.5 billion (1980-800) since 1984, and that losses could total \$8.1 billion in the next six years.

Foreign companies such as IBM and Burroughs dominate the manufacture and sale of larger, mainframe computers, but they are barred from the booming \$2.5 billion market in personal computers.

Foreigners argue that the policy punishes multinationals and domestic businesses, who are forced to buy copies of foreign-made machines for two to three times the price of the originals.

The US Government, which has been increasingly vocal on

the issue, notes that Mr Reagan last year turned down requests by American industrialists to restrict imports of Brazilian shoes.

Brazilians defend their policy as a matter of national sovereignty, arguing that American barriers against Brazilian goods would only hurt efforts to pay back the country's \$103 billion foreign debt, much of which is owed to American commercial banks.

The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Senator Adnan Sodre, have agreed to maintain "conversations" on the matter.

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Aquino orders sale of closed sugar farms to Negros poor

By Our Foreign Staff

President Aquino has ordered 22,250 acres of closed sugar-growing land on the central Philippine island of Negros to be sold to impoverished workers on the plantations.

The pilot project in the Aquino Government's land reform programme could persuade destitute workers against joining the communist New People's Army in Negros, where membership has grown faster than anywhere else in the country, the Executive Secretary, Mr. J. J. Arroyo, said yesterday.

The only way to eliminate the cause of the conflict, he said, was to eliminate the cause of the conflict. Mrs. Aquino told the Governor of Negros, Mr. J. J. Arroyo, and the President of the Philippine National Bank, Mr. Vicente Fox, who will work out the details.

Over-production and depressed international prices have thrown the people of the sugar island into poverty, with more than 200,000 unemployed, half the sugar mills idle and plantations foreclosed and abandoned.

Mrs. Aquino said that the government-acquired land will be sold to the workers through easy "soft loans". Redistribution of the sugar land is "the biggest single blow for the cause of agrarian reform," a spokesman for the Ministry of Agrarian Reform said. If successful it could be

adopted elsewhere in the country, he said.

Mrs. Aquino is studying the cases of about 500 common-law criminals jailed by the government of former President Marcos. Human rights lawyers claim that they were convicted for their political beliefs.

Allegedly charged and convicted on trumped-up charges, these prisoners were not among the 500 political detainees ordered released by Mrs. Aquino soon after taking office, according to Task Force Detainees, a Catholic Church-backed rights group.

Trial and criminal records of these prisoners are missing and may have been destroyed or covered up by officials of the Marcos government to validate its claim that it held no political prisoners, according to the Justice Minister, Mr. Nepomoceno Gonzalez.

He said that his Ministry was reviewing the cases to see if the detainees could be recommended for presidential clemency.

● AUCKLAND: Sir Thomas Davis, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, said yesterday that a Swiss banker had told him that former Presidents Marcos of the Philippines and Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti might be interested in sanctuary there. But they would not be welcome (Reuter reports).

US finger in the pie, page 9

NZ left out of exercise

Washington (Reuter)—The US has excluded New Zealand from an important Pacific military exercise beginning tomorrow and involving the forces of five other nations. The Defence Department said yesterday that "in accordance with current US policy regarding New Zealand, they were not invited to take part in the exercise."

More than 50 ships and 50,000 military personnel from the US, Australia, Britain, Canada and Japan will take part in exercise

"RIMPAC 86" near Hawaii and San Diego.

Because of the bitter dispute between Washington and Wellington over New Zealand's refusal to allow US visits by nuclear-armed US ships, the US has cut virtually all military ties with Wellington.

● TOKYO: Mr. Bob Hawke, the visiting Australian Prime Minister, showed understanding for the decision to exclude New Zealand, but said that Canberra would maintain its military links (Reuter reports).

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When justices must discharge defendant

Regina v Horseferry Road Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte O'Regan Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann (Judgment given May 12)

Where the prosecution declined to tender evidence at committal proceedings, justices were required by section 6(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 to discharge the defendant, although the defendant had served on the court admissions under section 10 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when refusing an application by the applicant, Eugene Thomas O'Regan, for judicial review of a decision of a metropolitan stipendiary magistrate to discharge the applicant on a charge under section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

Mr N. T. Leveson for the applicant; Miss Elizabeth Gumbel for the prosecutor.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that the applicant attended a football match at which there were incidents which led to his being charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm, contrary to section 47.

The offence against section 47 was triable either summarily or by jury at the election of the defendant. The applicant elected trial by jury.

On April 24, 1985 the prosecution solicitor decided that the section 47 charge should not be further proceeded with but that the applicant should be charged under section 51(1) of the Police Act 1964.

That offence was not triable either way but triable only summarily.

On May 30, the applicant's solicitor sent to the magistrates' court three admissions under section 10 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

On June 12, the matter came before the stipendiary mag-

istrate. It had come back for committal proceedings. Section 6 of the 1980 Act dealt with discharge or committal for trial.

At that hearing, the prosecution offered no evidence. The applicant sought to get the magistrate to look at the admissions of May 30.

The magistrate declined to do so. It was said that her refusal was wrong, that if she had done so, she would or might have concluded that there was sufficient evidence to commit the applicant for trial by jury for the section 47 offence.

The position in regard to committal proceedings where the prosecution decided to offer no evidence was considered by the Divisional Court in *R v Canterbury Justices, Ex parte Alford* (1982) 1 QB 398.

That decision would be in point but for the circumstances of the admissions sent to the court. It was submitted that the admissions were evidence which the magistrate should have taken into account in the discharge of her functions under section 6.

The magistrate sat as a court of committal. The prosecution tendered no evidence against the applicant. At that stage, the magistrate had no option under the language of the section but to discharge. That was what occurred.

That the defendant had made admissions seemed to his Lordship to be neither here nor there. Had evidence been tendered, the matter would have proceeded.

Once the prosecution declined to tender evidence, the magistrate, in pursuance of the mandatory terms of the section, had to discharge. Accordingly the magistrate's decision was entirely correct.

Lord Justice Watkins delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Friedman, Friedman & Co Solicitors, Metropolitan Police.

Operator fallible but machine reliable

Burditt v Roberts
An analysis of breath and statement on a printout produced by a Lion Intoximeter 3000 which contained two spelling errors, namely the word "Station" printed as "Staiton" and the defendant's name printed as "ROGERPBUURDITTTT", were admissible evidence since the misspellings, which were the only evidence of any malfunction of the machine, did not go to the reliability of the machine and only went to the fallibility of the human operator.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann) so held on May 13 when dismissing the defendant's ap-

peal by way of case stated from his conviction under section 6(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that it was submitted that there was evidence that the Intoximeter was not in order. The justices found that the constable's evidence as to self-calibration and analysis on the digital display panel were evidence of analysis and reliability.

The only evidence of malfunction was misspelling and that, the justices said, was produced as a result of human input. Those findings made it impossible to say that the printout was inadmissible.

Hope fades for teenager after mountain rescue

By Our Foreign Staff

Doctors held little hope for the survival of one of two teenagers rescued dramatically from the 11,235ft Mount Hood in Oregon after having spent three days huddled in a small snow cave.

The two were among a party of 13, mainly teenage students from a private church school, who were caught in a sudden snowstorm near the peak on Monday during an expedition in which nine of their companions died.

Late on Thursday, searchers probing the snow with aluminium poles discovered the cave in the snow at 8,400ft. Inside they found eight people wrapped in blankets. The six students and two adult leaders were taken by helicopter to hospitals, but within hours all but two had died.

One survivor, Giles Thompson, aged 15, is listed as "critical" but is given an 80 per cent chance of recovery. Doctors were less optimistic yesterday about the chances of the other survivor, a 15-year-old girl.

Mr Ralph Summers, aged 34, the mountain guide who led the climbing party to the peak on Monday and returned the following day with 17-year-old Molly Schulte to summon help, led the searchers back to the vicinity of the cave.

They braved icy, steep terrain to search for the climbers whose families were holding a mountaintop vigil, clinging to hopes for their survival.

Helpers hurrying to hospital with Giles Thompson, who is expected to recover after being rescued from Mt Hood, Oregon.

The nearly frozen bodies of two girls and a boy were found on Wednesday, and frantic efforts failed to revive them. Three helicopters and about 30 rescuers, with dogs, metal detectors and snow probes scoured the mountain for the eight hikers.

About 100 people took part

in the search on Wednesday after the weather cleared. But on Thursday, the search party was reduced to 30 because of the treacherous terrain at the 10,000ft level.

Meanwhile, a nine-member expedition consisting mainly of American climbers gave up their attempt to scale the

26,040ft Annapurna II in Himalayan Nepal because of fierce winds, deep snow and a shortage of supplies.

Some members of the expedition made it to 22,500ft on the west ridge of the peak on May 5, but had to return to their fourth camp at 19,900ft because high winds and ice

made it impossible to secure climbing lines.

The expedition of five men and four women, most of them from Colorado and Wyoming, had fought through waist-deep snow, hit repeatedly by storms during its 45-day attempt on the west Nepal peak.

Australian image shaken by deficit

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Australia's image as "the lucky country" has been shaken by a stern warning from the Government that it is living beyond its means and that it faces a future as a banana republic unless spending is cut.

This dire prediction has come from Mr Paul Keating, the Federal Treasurer, after the latest trade statistics showing a current account deficit of \$A1.5 billion (£705 million) in April. The deficit has topped \$A600 million a month for more than a year.

Mr Keating stunned the country by saying that "we must let Australians know truthfully and earnestly just what sort of an international hole Australia is in". If the deficit was not dealt with, he said, "we are done for. We will end up being a third-rate economy".

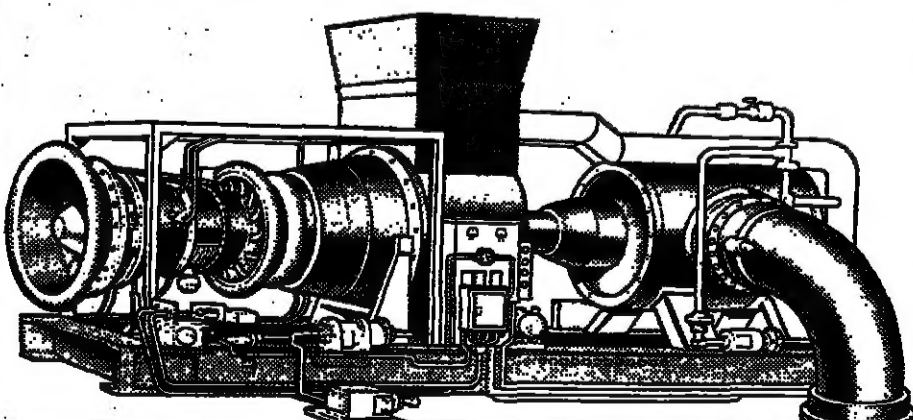
Prophecies of doom are a novel experience in this resource-rich land and Mr Keating's warning caused the dollar to tumble in value and sent share prices plunging. Yesterday he announced that the Government would hold a summit meeting on the economy with trade union and business leaders.

On January 31st we received a chilling message from outer space.

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SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Norsk by norsk-west

A yacht completed the Whitbread round-the-world race this week despite its crew's ignorance of the most elementary sailing technique, gybing. The crew of Norsk Data GB (the renamed boat in which Chay Blyth and Rob James each did a circumnavigation) were not selected for their knowledge of sailing, but for their ability to pay £2,000 for any of the four legs on which they sailed.

As any yellow-wellied enthusiast will tell you, boats go faster sailing at an angle to the wind rather than with the wind directly behind; exploiting this factor involves a zigzag course. Bob Salmon, the skipper and owner, soon found himself involved in furious arguments with one of the few crewmen who knew much about boats, who kept telling him to start gybing, while Salmon kept saying he wasn't bothering with that zigzag nonsense. Meanwhile, the boat fell farther and farther behind the leaders, losing about a week per leg. Eventually, someone on board found a book called *Ocean Sailing* in which Rob James not only stresses the importance of gybing, but illustrates the technique with pictures of the very boat in which they were sailing. Salmon thought, in the light of this rather convincing evidence, that perhaps gybing was worth a try. But by this time they were near Cape Horn, on the third leg, and from then on faced headwinds all the way, so had no chance to try it. They finished 21 days behind the winners.

Match play

The Test and County Cricket Board has been jumping up and down at Phil Edmonds, who is insisting on telling the truth about that disastrous tour of the West Indies. In the meantime his wife, Frances, is having her own forthcoming book checked for libel — a sensible precaution, I would think. In fact, the most likely libelant is her husband. In one chapter she complains vigorously about his habit of using her expensive shampoo. "Poor darling," she writes, "all he really needs is a duster and a can of Pledge."

Forever Eve

When Spanish athlete Maria-Jose Martinez-Patino failed a sex test at the World Student Games in Japan, and then failed another back home, the Spanish athletics authorities agreed to hush it up to save her embarrassment. She was to fake an injury and retire. Instead of this, she took part in an indoor meeting earlier this year and won the 60 metres hurdles. She has a femininity certificate from the International Amateur Athletics Federation and that, says the federation, guarantees femininity in perpetuity. Certainly Miss Martinez-Patino is prepared to brazen it out on that basis.

Quote of the week, from David Gower: "I think I'm meant to wear a T-shirt which says 'I'm in charge' on it."

Box wallah

There are 76 seats in the royal box at Wimbledon, but you don't have to be royal to sit in them. Buzzer Haddingham, the Wimbledon chairman, likes to invite all kinds, he reveals in next month's *Harpers and Queen*. When Sir Robin Day was invited last year, his response was: "Haven't you got someone more important to ask?" "Yes," said Haddingham, "but I am asking you."

Any lengths

Now it can be told. Many of us have puzzled far into the night as to how synchronized swimming became an Olympic sport. The answer lies in the formidable personality of Monique Berlioux, one-time director of the International Olympic Committee. The IOC had just accepted modern rhythmic gymnastics (a sort of synchronized swim on dry land) as an Olympic sport, and was preparing to vote on synchro. Berlioux, a former Olympic swimmer and a great fan of synchro, knew the voting would be close. The hands of all those in favour were raised. Counting on a show of hands at a large meeting is a notoriously tricky business, but Berlioux, after a rapid assessment, turned to the then president, Lord Killanin, and confidently announced a majority. Lord Killanin turned to her and asked: "Are you sure?" "Definitely!" said Berlioux with an air of massive certainty. "And to this day," she told me last week, "I am still not sure..."

BARRY FANTONI



"You really want it posted express? Mother does live near the M1"

Frank Johnson joins Marx in a night at the opera—Karl, that is, not Groucho

From Bayreuth to Beirut and back

Bonn According to Wagner, Act Two of his *Flying Dutchman* takes place in the 18th century in the big room of a Norwegian sea captain's house, and opens with a chorus of women working at their spindles.

According to the recent new production at Covent Garden, Act Two takes place at some unclear period in the Norwegian sea captain's factory or sweatshop, and opens with a chorus of women working on an assembly line under strip lighting. On reading that the British critics and audience were outraged about it, we in West Germany thought to ourselves: if that Covent Garden audience lived where we lived, they would be lucky if the entire opera had not taken place on an assembly line under strip lighting.

That, it might be objected, would have been a trifle too far-fetched. The second of the three acts can just about be made to take place in a factory, since it is supposed to be somewhere indoors where women are working. But the first act takes place in a rocky cove. And the third is in a Norwegian harbour.

But West German opera directors do not recognize such geographical restraints. In the Munich Opera's feminist *Dutchman*, which dates from 1981, the entire opera takes place in the big room of the Norwegian sea captain's house. Moreover, these are not the rude surroundings of simple, 18th century Scandinavian fisherfolk. It is a well-upholstered, draped and curtained mid-19th century drawing room, with upright piano and brass table lamps.

The opera, it may be remembered, is about a Dutch sea captain doomed to wander the seas for eternity unless he can find a woman faithful to him unto death.

Every seven years, he is allowed to come on land to look for her. Berthling for one such shore leave, he meets the Norwegian captain's ship sheltering from a storm. Hearing that the Norwegian has a daughter, he gets himself invited home.

The girl, Senta, by useful coincidence, has long been obsessed with the legend of the Flying Dutchman. She soon abandons her dull betrothed, the huntsman Erik, and promises eternal fidelity to the Dutchman. But seeing her and the pleading Erik together, the Dutchman mistakenly thinks she has been unfaithful already. He returns to his ship. But she proves her devotion, and so redeems him from his wanderings on the seas, by drowning herself.

"The room of the total plot: an archetypal living room, at first irritating, undefined, then partly recognized by the forcefully-entering *(Kühnheitsdrang)* Dutchman as a wish-room," explains the Munich production's director, Herr Herbert Wernicke, in a helpful programme note. "The Dutchman is driven by this one wish, to be able to go back to the society that he has left behind. Firmly integrated into this structure are Senta's father and his sailors, who represent the world of men... She wants to flee these bourgeois constraints. She longs for a person who does not regiment her, who is not stupid, someone who does not want to bind her in egotistical love, like Erik does."

"Her freedom-dream is sacrificing herself for a man she will love unto death. The Senta-figure is a typical example of a woman who before the mid-19th century carried within herself the growing emancipation process. But this emancipation could not take place because only the principles of the

world of men were accepted as the standard."

Herr Wernicke does not explain how the "Senta-figure" could much help the growing emancipation process from the principles of the world of men by promising to be faithful to one unto death and, on being accused on slender evidence of infidelity, drowning herself on a man's behalf. Mrs Pankhurst's advice to her would have been that, if she wanted to aid the growing emancipation process, she should do something constructive such as chaining herself to the Norwegian parliament's railings. Miss Greer's advice would have been that, while she saw nothing wrong in principle with making off with one of them for a night or two, experience suggested that Dutch seamen never stayed mysterious for long, and that Senta would be wise to ditch him before she ended up serving him his lunch in their retirement windmill.

It might seem that, for the Munich director, an even bigger problem than making the *Dutchman* be about feminism is how to get at least one sailing ship into a mid-19th century drawing room. Not at all. The ropes, and gangplank, arrive through the double doors, closely followed by a boisterous crew. It is surprising that more damage is not done to the furniture.

Senta's father wears a fur-collared overcoat and top hat and smokes a cigar, even when he is supposed to be captaining his ship. But, then, in this production, he does represent capitalism. During Senta's wild ballad about the Dutchman legend, one of the spinning ladies thoughtfully hands round coffee on a tray.

This kind of thing is associated by British opera goers with East German directors or "Marxist

opera" because, when such productions were first put on by British companies a few years ago, the directors did seem to come from East Germany. The moment from which many of us date the genre was when the curtain rose on a production by Harry Kupfer in the late 1970s—I think of a work by Richard Strauss—to reveal a set dominated by a huge phallus, occasioning, from one male in the stalls to his gentleman friend, the loud whisper: "Anyone we know, ducky?"

So one's first visit to an opera in East Germany itself was preceded by some excitement. Amazingly, the curtain of Beethoven's *Fidelio* at Leipzig rose to reveal that the work had been set in an 18th, or early 19th, century Spanish prison. It was amazing because that was where Beethoven set it. Nowadays, it is reasonable to expect it to be set in Auschwitz or, to show that we are all prisoners of consumerism, Marks and Spencer.

Performances of other works in East German opera houses confirmed this swing to the right. Then came the realization: Stalin, the father of the country, was a conservative on arts policy. Opera in the infant East German state was inspired by "socialist realism" whose most famous exponent was the late Walter Felsenstein at the East Berlin Komische Oper. In practice, socialist realism was not much different from capitalist realism. The basic idea was that such things as Norwegian coves and harbours were to look it. This did not rule out phalluses, but their deployment would be dictated by considerations of scale.

True, the East German directors who departed from these principles were Felsenstein's young followers. Where, then, did they get their ideas? There were non-

realist opera productions in Weimar Germany, notably at the great Kroll Oper in Berlin. From what it is possible to read about them, none seems to have resembled the present Munich *Dutchman*. The East German and East German-inspired directors, whom Britain and West Germany have come to know so well, would doubtless depict themselves as heirs of the Weimar avant garde. But really they have picked up their tricks from the late-1960s western spoken theatre, with its weakness for any old progressivism. And progressivism is only tolerated up to a point in East Germany.

Meanwhile, in the West, the cause flourishes. In Frankfurt, Aida, which Verdi set in ancient Egypt, opens in a present-day museum of ancient Egypt. The tenor hero, whom Verdi thought was an Egyptian general, is the museum administrator. He first appears, working late and seated at his desk, trying to get through the eternal paper work that is the destiny of all who must lead an arts bureaucracy. The high priest, Ramphus, is a sort of Lord Goodman figure, perhaps from the Arts Council.

Elsewhere, it is now hard to find a *Salome* that is not set in West Beirut or does not contain Yasser Arafat. Carmen tends to be a Sandinista girl-soldier, Lohengrin an astronaut. In the new *Fidelio* at Kiel, the villain, Pizarro, wears evening dress, but so do the soldiers under his command. That means they represent a decadent social order. In progressive opera production, evening dress always means decadence.

Over in the East, much of this has been abandoned, possibly because audiences might get the wrong idea about which kind of system was being unflatteringly depicted.

Mark Malloch Brown, active in Cory Aquino's ultimately successful campaign for the Philippine presidency, charts the vacillations in Washington policy before it came down firmly on her side

Long march to ditching Marcos

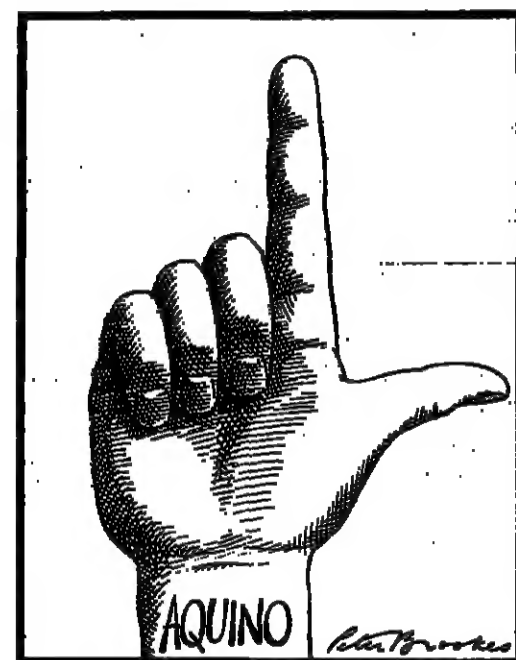
Ferdinand Marcos had underestimated Cory Aquino. So had the Americans, who simply did not understand her. A reluctant politician, she was driven by a conservative Catholic nationalism that did not fit easily into any of the categories of modern statecraft. Her diffident manner in public—appropriate for a woman candidate in the Philippines—was lost on foreign observers who seemed to think that women leaders should be tough and uncompromising. The US ambassador, Stephen Bosworth, went through the motions of keeping in touch, but he, like the rest of official Manila and Washington, had assumed that Marcos would remain in power.

Marcos had, in effect, trapped Washington into appearing to endorse a snap election, and the US administration was forced to redefine its position. Originally it wanted Marcos out; the State Department now hoped for nothing more than that Aquino would succeed in putting up a respectable performance. Despite her inexperience she might gain 30 per cent of the vote and so damage Marcos's reputation and hasten the final end.

There were, therefore, two objectives: first, that Marcos should not miss the message of the election—he must introduce reforms—and that the election should not be such a farce that Marcos's standing at home and abroad would be worse than ever. At this point Cory Aquino herself did not view American interest as useful. She was still smarting from the early press coverage depicting her as the well meaning widow with a mission who had fallen among political wolves. Some on her campaign staff argued that Washington was a vital second front: that it was no good getting a majority vote if the Americans so doubted her competence that they would not lean on Marcos to concede. But, like Marcos, she thought that the US would respond only to overwhelming popular pressure.

The huge crowds which Aquino attracted to her rallies put Washington on the defensive. Its concern was that she might win—that seemed implausible—but that her sudden show of strength would frighten Marcos into blatant cheating. It was this fear that led to one of the most important questions of the election: should there be American observers? When the issue had been first raised, by Marcos among others, it had seemed an easy way to whitewash the elections: international observers have refined the habit of looking the other way whenever electoral fraud is being perpetrated.

The Aquino forces, for different reasons, were also anxious to have observers. The nation was preparing for an act of collective courage: voting out a dictator. Even a handful of outsiders could be a crucial boost to morale. So under pressure from both sides—while each said publicly that observers would be interfering in the nation's sovereign affairs—the US sent two teams, one representing Reagan, the other the Republican and Democratic parties. In so doing, it was sucked deeper into the election than it ever intended. With television crews and observer teams throughout the country, Marcos still resorted to conspicuous and massive fraud. There are several reasons for this: the panic he felt over the late surge in support for Aquino; the possibility that he was simply losing his touch and, perhaps most



interesting, the stroke suffered by his campaign chief in the middle-class business area of Manila, which had the biggest concentration of observers and television cameras. In his absence, pro-Marcos thugs ran amok to the gratification of the TV crews.

On election night computer projections gave Aquino 56 per cent of the votes, and her supporters announced that she had won and that Marcos should concede. It was not the 70 per cent they thought she would have achieved had there been no fraud, but it was still a win. At midnight the American television network CBS told her it was about to announce an Aquino victory with 54 per cent based on its own projections from poll returns. The mood was jubilant.

At 3 a.m. Marcos's deputy information minister summoned journalists to a press conference at which he furiously condemned this premature claim. Aquino soon discovered that her announcement had only delayed a wrap-up of the electoral fraud: it did not prevent it. An official announcement that Marcos had won was made eight days later. CBS never announced its exit prediction.

Nevertheless, it was interesting to witness the influence of the American media coverage on the events that day. At first, many of the observers remained cautious about condemning the fraud they had seen. But when they learnt how the election was being represented in the US they were soon falling over one another in their condemnation. The White House was forced to distance itself from Marcos, but having seen little value in the State Department campaign against Marcos, it was distinctly uninformed. A few days after the election, with the result still unannounced, Reagan made one of his biggest blunders, saying there appeared to have been fraud on both sides. His claim flew in the face of what the whole nation had seen on television.

The State Department responded by saying that Reagan had "misspoken", but its own contribution was little better. George Shultz, the Secretary of State, persuaded Reagan to send Philip Habib, the former Lebanon troubleshooter, as his special envoy to Manila, initially to give Reagan a little time to recover his step after his gaffe. Officially it was billed as a fact-finding mission but it drove the stake into any

lingering Reagan support for Marcos in two ways.

First, it enraged Senator Richard Lugar, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and head of the observer team. Reagan had spoken from the hip in his comments on the election before Lugar had had a chance to brief him. Now, finding that Reagan was in effect seeking a second opinion, he became more suddenly outspoken than ever about the fraud and the need for the US to condemn the election.

Second, it enraged Cory Aquino. At a televised press conference she demanded to know why the so-called friends of democracy were deserting her. Stand tall for freedom, she concluded. The housewife-widow was in top form: she had deliberately borrowed Reagan's rhetoric to put him on the run.

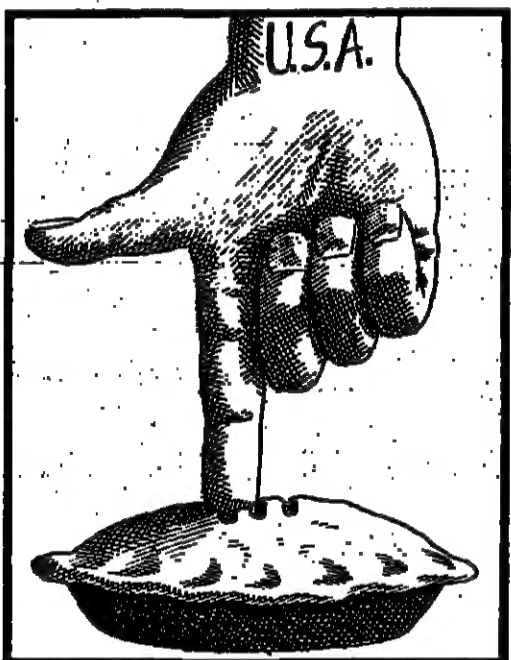
Things deteriorated even further. What is not generally known is that Habib had a second set of instructions in his pocket, proposing that Aquino should concede. Meanwhile, the full extent of the fraud had emerged: it was not in

Marcos reluctant to kill old friends; Reagan holding back from responsibility for ousting an ally

the election day thuggery but in the under-registration of voters in the Aquino areas and, as the vote count indicated more and more support for her, an attempt to manipulate the computer. In the most telling scene, 30 frightened computer operators walked out and gave a midnight press conference before a church altar.

It was in this context that Habib was to meet Aquino and try to persuade her that she should accept the role of loyal opposition and hang on until the next election. The Aquino people felt they had put their lives on the line by taking on Marcos; he was not the sort of opponent who would give them a second chance.

The suggestion of this idea was considered a much greater betrayal than Reagan's gaffe. Aquino made it clear that if Habib tried to raise the proposal she would refuse to speak to him. Wisely, Habib contented himself with polite fact-finding, which was quickly overtaken by events.



seeing that she was going to see the crisis through to the end, were forced into a final showdown and committed themselves to a plan to assassinate Marcos that weekend. But they were caught. When Marcos produced two suspects later that night on television it was widely assumed that it was a put-up job. It was not.

Throughout, the younger officers seemed to have kept Enrile and Ramos only minimally informed of their intentions. Once their plan was exposed everything moved with extraordinary speed. Enrile was drinking coffee with friends, a Saturday routine, when he was alerted by a number of younger officers that Marcos was about to arrest him and other officers. It was then that he and Ramos barricaded themselves in.

Soon after, Enrile telephoned a Filipino friend in New York to say goodbye: he assumed that he would be killed. Throughout Saturday, knowing how persuasive Marcos could be, Enrile avoided speaking to him. They were finally in touch on Sunday, when Marcos proposed that the Philippines could be governed by a junta run by Enrile. But by Sunday morning the momentum was with the people.

On the Saturday night, Aquino's brother, fearing that Marcos would liquidate all members of the opposition, took Cory into hiding in a convent in Cebu. The Americans were starting to panic, and offered sanctuary in their bases and ships to various protagonists, including Aquino, over the weekend. The offer, typically, was not even considered. At some point in the weekend the US ambassador warned Marcos, on Reagan's orders, not to bomb the camps, which were by then surrounded by nuns, civilians and American television cameras. But what saved Enrile and Ramos at the beginning, the moment when they were indeed vulnerable, was not the Americans but Marcos's reluctance to kill old friends: the incompetence of General Ver, the army commander, and, above all, the strength of the people.

On Sunday morning, against the advice of her supporters, Cory Aquino flew back to Manila. The following day the Americans took the first steps to get Marcos out. It was none too soon. By the time Marcos left on Tuesday, his palace guard was deserting and random shots were fired at the palace. Interestingly, Marcos was to attribute the shooting to his military opponents, whose helicopters, he claimed, were being fuelled by the Americans. Later it was shown that the shots had been fired by students. As in the final scenes of *Hamlet*, the Americans came to pick up the bodies, but they had been irrelevant to much of the drama that had preceded it.

And that drama was a distinctly Filipino one. Its moving force was an improbable politician, Cory Aquino, not America and its out-of-sync meddling. The US did not lack the will to interfere; it was simply that Washington was divided between State Department activists and a president who, having frequently intervened elsewhere, was slow to shake free his loyalty to an old friend. But by the time Washington had finally understood the scenes it was witnessing, the play was almost over.

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Digging up the future

It is fashionable for the shriller voices of the New Right to abuse the older academic disciplines as antiquarian, elitist, unprofitable and irrelevant to the sunrise world of hi-tech and the market economy. The attacks seem to me to emit a strong whiff of sour grapes and old-fashioned philistinism. They are also quite out of touch with the real world of scholarship.

By an agreeable paradox, the discipline that has advanced most in scope, professionalism and public esteem in our lifetimes has been the one that deals with the oldest subject matter. Archaeology has grown up from the antiquarianism of Aubrey and Stow into a major and professional subject that straddles science and the humanities. It is no longer merely digging for sherds and bones, but seeks to explain the roots and humanity of man.

Archaeology has of course always been glamorous for all who like a treasure hunt, from Arthur Evans at Knossos, Flinders Petrie in Egypt, Tutankhamun and Ur, and Schliemann gazing upon the face of Agamemnon and seeing the great Achilles whom we knew before from literature. The latest of the great archaeologists to have struck gold, Manolis Andronikos, who is still rediscovering the great Philip at Vergina, arrives to receive a degree from Oxford next month.

Detection with a populist touch

But apart from being a professional academic discipline, and having a high public profile, archaeology is also a populist discipline. The treasure-hunters with their metal detectors are vandals; but they represent a mass popular interest in the roots of man: hi-tech turned on the past.

Glyn Daniel, the man who, with Mortimer Wheeler, has done most to popularize archaeology in Britain, without sacrificing a fragment of professional rigour, is about to retire as editor of *Antiquity*, the archaeological journal that is a caviar to the field of learned publications. It was founded as a private venture by O. G. S. Crawford 60 years ago. For the 30 years since he died it has been edited by Professor Daniel and his wife Ruth, as essential reading not just for



archaeologists and historians, but for everybody with any interest in the past. They will be succeeded at the end of the year by Christopher Chippindale, Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge, and author of *Stonehenge Complete*, which won the award for the best archaeological book last year.

For those of you who have not run across it, *Antiquity* is remarkable for its scholarly sprightliness. Its book reviews are notoriously honest, in contrast with the log-rolling in most academic journals where, larding butter from alternate tubs, Stubbs butters Freeman, Freeman butters Stubbs. Readers cherish the memory of, for example, the review of Massingham's *Pre-Roman Britain* in Benn's Sixpenny Library: "This book possesses all the faults of *Downfall Man* of which it is a rehash, but nevertheless the publishers demand the exorbitant price of 6d a copy... Scotchmen, who value their sixpences, should

The sage giving way to youth

beware." It is always pro-youth. A good article by a young archaeologist anywhere in the world goes to the top of the list above pieces from eminent greybeards with muddy fingers.

Its editorial notes are famous for their dryness. "Planning is naturally repugnant to many people (prolegomenon to a charge that no adequate map of the Roman Empire existed). "Only at the heart of the British Empire is it necessary, on each separate occasion when the need arises, to bring public opinion to bear on lethargy." Its style and authority have always attracted the best writers. Charles Lamb was ahead of his time in a letter to B. W. Proctor on January 22, 1829: "When my sonnet was rejected, I exclaimed—Damn the age! I will write for Antiquity."

The past is prologue to our world today. Those who say that the past is a bucket of ashes, and that history is bunk, are not fully human. We cannot make a success of our world, which we have on rent for a brief lease, unless we try to understand it and ourselves, and what makes us tick. That is why archaeology is not just fascinating, but also useful, quite as relevant as computer studies or supply-side economics. Neophiliacs who do not reverence age do not take Hobbes's point that our present is the oldest age.

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GENERALS JUDGE A GENERAL

In the spring of 1982, General Leopoldo Galtieri sent his country's best troops to the Chilean border. There they stayed, waiting for the Chileans to attack. In January the treaty providing for arbitration of border disputes between the two countries had been abrogated on the general's order. Then the whim of Buenos Aires produced war in the Atlantic. To an officer of the general's calibre, the prospect of war on two fronts posed no hazard.

Thus the mountain infantry brigade stayed guarding the Andean passes throughout the Falklands invasion, leaving the defence of the islands against a numerically inferior British expeditionary force to an army of conscripts. Ill-trained and ill-provisioned, they were led by strategists whose idea of battle was retreat to Stanley and surrender, provisioned by quartermasters whose idea of field rations was left-overs from the officers' mess, and set an example of professional soldiering by men whose chief skill was the placement of electrodes on trussed prisoners in military barracks.

General Galtieri, his colleagues and subordinates, appear to be much of a piece. His trial, during the past year or so before the Armed Forces Supreme Council led by that lion of the battlefield General

Reynaldo Bignone, never seemed to offer much wisdom, military or judicial. And so, with the sentences handed down yesterday, it has proved. General Galtieri shares his every attribute with a generation of military officers that has made his nation offensive not just to those who value the civil protection of human life and individual liberty, but risible as an example of machinery for war.

President Alfonsín must, it is argued, tolerate Argentina's powerful military (and hence its need to scapegoat senior officers for the Falklands) as he attempts simultaneously to set the country's economy aright, and cauterize the wounds of recent history. He does indeed deserve support in his delicate dance, fiscal and political, with General Rios Erenu, the head of the armed forces.

This means accepting, as the best justice on offer, legal proceedings against the torturers of between 1976 and 1983 — proceedings that have apparently exonerated the torturers themselves in order to concentrate on the presidents and their associates. Thus Captain Astiz is released while General Viola, who may or may not have given the original orders for Navy terror, is arraigned. In this legal process General Galtieri has been tried and acquitted.

President Alfonsín, and the

experiment with national maturity he represents, depends on the justice of that verdict. We must accept it for his sake. The general, however, remained on trial charged, alongside other members of his junta, with military crimes — in effect for losing the Falklands war. His sentence appears unjust.

For it was, as the General reminded his court, the people of Buenos Aires, voters for President Alfonsín among them, who stood in the Plaza de Mayo to applaud the invasion and hunt abuse at Britain, the United States and foreigners in general. The Falklands adventure was the destiny of a nation with a corrupt political culture and a broken national identity: Galtieri was a mere instrument of that will, which is still evident. He is no less a creature of the system that produced his judges.

The prosecution of Admiral Byng at an earlier stage of this country's development might, conceivably, have been justified for the effects it had in precipitating both political reform and military reorganization. Perhaps in the short run Galtieri's imprisonment will aid President Alfonsín. But the values still espoused by the Argentinean military give faint hope that the sins of the Galtieri era will not be repeated.

INFLATION DOWN — BUT NOT OUT

Inflation's decline, to levels unknown since the late 1960s, is not yet over. By mid-summer, prices may be increasing a mere 2½ per cent a year. But this triumph, for a Government that set the control of inflation as its highest priority, is seriously undermined by its failure to meet another prime objective: making labour markets work.

The continued rapid rise in wage costs — average earnings are still rising by about 7½ per cent a year — both threatens renewed inflation and chokes off employment. Inflation has been helped down by tumbling raw material costs, for which neither British industry nor the British government can take any credit. Inflation has meanwhile been buoyed up by wage costs, which have risen far faster in Britain than in our main competitors.

Inflation in Britain is still higher than in, say, Japan or Germany; it is also likely to rise again before the general election. The Government, which so neatly timed the last dip in inflation to coincide with the 1983 election (or vice versa), cannot make use of a similar opportunity this summer.

The rapid rise in wage costs is having a further damaging effect. Because they are increasing so much faster than prices, "real" wage costs continue to rise. Productivity has risen far more rapidly in the 1980s than the 1970s, thus financing part of the rise in real wages out of higher real output per person employed. Recently, however, both output and productivity have been slowing down — with the result

that wage costs per unit of output have been accelerating.

This causes double damage to the Government's chances of reversing the long upward rise in unemployment. As labour becomes more expensive, companies are encouraged to use more machinery and fewer people in their production processes. And as British industry's costs rise in comparison to foreign competition, so British goods become harder to sell on world markets.

Government ministers are right to argue that part of our unemployment stems from the persistent rise in real wage costs. The important question, however, is why that unemployment has not in turn dampened down the rise in wages. It has slowly come to be understood that the excess supply of long-term unemployed has little impact on the wage bargains struck.

The Government's attempt to bring influence to bear on these bargains has taken three forms. There have been periodic attempts to exhort employers to act tough. The latest of these, Mr Nigel Lawson's monetary policy of the moment, amounts to insisting that any prospect of lower interest rates depends on control of wage inflation. There are attempts to bring the long-term unemployed back into the pool of employables. And there have been occasional attempts to remove artificial obstacles to wage flexibility — the latest such attempt in this area being Mr Lawson's ideas for profit-linked pay.

All these, while important,

have not yet had much effect. It is true that we have not suffered the normal sharp cyclical acceleration in pay. It is still more significantly true that by avoiding a formal incomes policy, we have avoided both the damaging need to bribe trade unions with interventionist measures, with which such policies typically begin, and the destructive surge in pay with which they generally end. Yet pay has not slowed anything like as much as prices, or as much as the Government so clearly hoped.

To some extent, it is a victim of its own (or the world's) counter-inflationary success. In most years of this government's life, inflation has been coming down, and has frequently fallen faster than anticipated — which in turn provided an unexpected increase in real wages. The British public has not yet begun to learn that stable prices wipe out the "right" to annual pay rises.

There is another sense in which British society is proving its own worst enemy. The essence of the shake-out that has occurred — and the rationale behind profit-sharing — is that wages should move very differently in different industries. In this country, however, pay is traditionally (and heavily) dictated by comparisons. When part of industry has suddenly re-learned how to make profits, these comparisons keep pay on an upward ratchet. The Government has not yet succeeded in breaking the British of this habit; nor of harnessing it to the cause of counter-inflation.

FOURTH LEADER

It has been a mixed week for British Rail. Every week is, for an organization which usually manages to bring out the worst in us, (in BR's eyes, the world must sometimes seem to be divided between curmudgeons and railway freaks.) But a week which begins with the opening of new stations, new track and the rustle of new timetables — then ends with the loss of a £13m Post Office contract — must seem more mixed than most.

Amid the clutter of words, as reporters gleefully interviewed every "Outrageous, Tumbler Wells" they could find, there was, however, one crumb of comfort for those who have ever starved on Inter-City. BR is to spend £12m more on buffet cars.

Now, there was a time when dining on railway trains was accompanied by a sense of occasion. There was an air of timelessness about sitting behind a hissing "Castle" class, outside Shrewsbury station, the rivulets of rain gathering pace down the soot-stained windows while a waiter in the brown and cream livery of the old Great Western Railway thoughtfully inquired: "More parsnips sir?"

Nothing was ever "instant"

in those dreamy days — not the food and still less the trains. To thunder through Banbury and Leamington Spa, well-fed and asleep in the restaurant car... It was truly better to travel hopefully than to arrive. This was partly because one usually arrived thirty minutes late. But although passengers grumbled, they did so with less malice than today. Perhaps their expectations were lower? Or perhaps the dining eased the pain.

No longer is it so. To eat on the train is a challenge which too many of us fail. To stagger down half a dozen rearing coaches, past children spilling into the through-way, balancing three cups of coffee, sachets of sugar, cartons of long-life milk, assorted BR sandwiches, a family-sized packet of smoky bacon crisps and a rolling Granny Smith, all on a plastic flexi-tray, is to long for Wolverhampton to emerge.

This, however, is not a self-indulgent exercise in railway nostalgia. Faster trains demand faster food, and to expect British Rail to serve leisurely repasts of turkey and *pommes anglaises* on a 125 to Didcot, is like longing for the return of the family grocer. The fault of the in-flight buffet

lies with the limitations of the fare and the fact that there are too few of them.

One solution to this is to acquire more and equip them with infra-red grills, microwave ovens or whatever it needs to make instant hot food for the hungry. This would seem to be what BR has in mind, so one hopes that that day will soon come when most trains have a buffet. A complementary idea, however, would be to install sandwich and hot drinks machines on every coach for the use of the more sedentary among us.

One reason for not installing fast food machines already is presumably that they would be vandalised as soon as the football season starts, if not before. To present a trainful of Chelsea Fans who are playing away against the Stretford End, with an unattended machine full of Mars Bars and money, sounds, one has to admit, like passing a crate-load of Famous Grouse beneath the arches of Waterloo Bridge. Indeed there are sour souls who might charge British Rail with incitement.

The fear of abuse is not, however, sufficient reason to reject out of hand a good idea. It is after all the age of the machine, if not of the train.

Clipping wings of Mercury?

From Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP for Richmond (Yorks) (Conservative)

Sir, It is ironic that in the very week that Mercury is starting up business, reports should appear of Labour plans to put the clock back to the bad old days of monopoly in telecommunications.

The problems facing telecommunications in Britain when the present Government took office in 1979 were mainly that system without competition, that there was no way of raising independent capital, and that the management showed little entrepreneurial flair whilst under the ever-present shadow of governmental intervention — in short, there was no prospect for growth, wealth creation, a good service and true success. We inherited in 1979 just another industrial sector facing behind the rest of the world.

The way in which Sir Keith Joseph, Patrick Jenkin, Cecil Parkinson and Norman Tebbit transformed the business has become an internationally renowned example of what privatisation can achieve. Giving a far more flexible and advanced service to its customers than ever before, and investing £2 billion pounds every year, British Telecom has established itself as a world leader. But in addition, and crucially, the Government also set up in Mercury a competitor which aims to offer an even cheaper and more efficient service to consumers.

Labour is now thinking of ending all this; the working party reporting to John Smith wants to re-establish the Government majority holding, to re-impose the panopoly of State and Treasury controls, to re-create the old monopoly and to issue each subscriber with a nominal stake in the company as a sop to true share ownership. It is a policy that is totally doctrinaire and a recipe for bureaucracy and inefficiency.

What this betrays is that behind the new Labour faces of the 80s are the tired old doctrines of the 60s. For these are in truth the same remedies that went out with flared jeans and flower power, but with just a few new frills as a substitute for fresh thinking.

Yours faithfully,
LEON BRITTAN,
House of Commons.
May 15.

Waldheim parallel

From Mrs E. M. Hanbury Tenison

Sir, When we were living in Romania we knew and respected a prelate of the Orthodox Church who was "totally compromised" by the communist regime. This, for the benefit of your more innocent readers, means that he had been frightened by torture and other pressures into giving information which led to the capture, death and torture of others, some of them his colleagues. He was an unhappy man.

When we were living in Austria we were friendly with a family who lived next door to a notorious concentration camp throughout the war and claimed to have been unaware of its purpose. They were distinguished by their private and public works of charity.

When we were in Germany our acquaintance included some who had resisted Hitler to the point of imprisonment, torture, exile and the death of their relations. Working alongside them were others whose records varied from the dubious to the downright disgraceful. It was noticeable that those most liable to curl the lip and drop hints about the Nazi past were not usually those whose own record had been purer than pure.

I have absolutely no information about specific cases but I do know that it is impossible to imagine the pressures of living in a totalitarian regime if you have been brought up in a democracy. I would also prefer not to take bets on which of my greatest friends would resist such pressures. Or on whether I would.

Yours faithfully,
E. M. HANBURY TENISON,
Clytha Park,
Abergavenny, Gwent.
May 8.

Interviewed on TV

From the Director of the National Radiological Protection Board

Sir, After a period in which the news media were both helpful and grumble in reporting the possible effects on the UK population of the Chernobyl accident, it may seem churlish to sound a discordant note. However, possibly because of personal involvement, I have become increasingly aware of a technique in TV discussion programmes that seems to me to be misleading as to border on the unprofessional.

The technique is that of interviewing parts of separate interviews so that one person appears to be responding to a comment which, in fact, he has not heard and may well not have been told about. At best, he is made to look evasive and at worst, downright dishonest.

Before one recent programme I requested and received an assurance that this technique would not be used. It was. To paraphrase Sam Goldwyn: "These oral assurances aren't worth the paper they're written on."

Yours faithfully,
H. J. DUNSTER, Director,
National Radiological Protection Board,
Chilton, Didcot,
Oxfordshire.
May 13.

Seeking an alternative verdict

From the Principal of The British School of Osteopathy

Sir, So the British Medical Association has concluded (report, May 13) that "there is no proof that many alternative therapies are effective and that some risk harming patients". Such an academic conclusion is hardly surprising, since the majority of the BMA working party were science-based academics drawn from the glasshouses of pharmacology and anaesthesia — hardly the best of locations from which to throw stones at other therapies on the grounds of ineffectiveness or of risks to patients.

There were no general practitioners on the working party. A pity, for a working doctor might have reminded them from the experience of everyday practice that (a) a high proportion of the work of a successful GP is not directly based upon rigid, fully-researched scientific orthodoxy — indeed is outside its scope; and (b) many conditions which cause widespread personal misery and loss of working time — for example, backache — are an embarrassment to the average doctor, who is not trained to deal with them, and are often relieved by a complementary practitioner.

The report is indeed a sadly defensive and deeply disappointing document. Those of us who went out of our way to offer assistance to the working party have been let down and exposed to the criticism of our cynical colleagues who told us at the outset that complementary and alternative therapies would never receive a fair hearing from the doctors' trade union.

The working party was asked "to consider the feasibility and possible methods of assessing the value of alternative therapies," yet its main conclusion seems to be that its "commitment is to orthodox medicine, and we believe it would be for practitioners of alternative therapies to mount any trial".

It could not more clearly have opted out of its main task. Of course there are difficulties in conducting trials of the orthodox types in these areas; the same can be said of many aspects of accepted medical practice. That is why we need a combined effort by orthodox and complementary practitioners through such agencies as the Research Council for Complementary Medicine to devise effective and acceptable strategies.

Instead, against much evidence, the report insists on the primacy and infallibility of orthodox medical diagnosis as a pre-requisite, so that it does not even provide the basis for useful dialogue.

Those of us who believe that complementary therapies have an important contribution to make to

Village schools

From Mr G. F. Barnard

Sir, If unfortunately a school is closed, the next consideration for villagers is the after-use of the school building.

Our village school closed its doors on July 22, 1982, after 124 years' use. At that time my committee asked if we could acquire the building for use as a village hall and offered a peppercorn rent for seven years and then the full market purchase price.

In November, 1984, Cheshire County Council demanded the full market price at once. This would not have been viable and so

Still dissatisfied

From Mr C. R. Hart

Sir, It is very encouraging to read that factory gate prices are falling (report, May 13). It is still not possible, however, to order any British-made goods without being informed, in a very matter of fact way, that there is a substantial waiting time for deliveries.

Time and time again one has to resort to foreign products as these are available "off the shelf". I remain, Sir, Yours faithfully,
CLAUDE R. HART,
68 Bradbourne Road,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Full many a gem

From the Secretary of the British Federation of Music Festivals

Sir, Your interesting feature on poetry (May 6) omitted to mention that hundreds of amateur poets are writing today. Many of our 300 competitive festivals have classes for poetry writing, resulting in work of such quality that some of the festival produce their own printed booklets of the judges' choice. Inglorious (so far) they may be, but mute they certainly are not.

Yours faithfully,
EILEEN CRAINE, Secretary,
The British Federation of Music Festivals,
Festivals House,
198 Park Lane,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Off with the old

From Mr David Haddon-Reece

Sir, Unlike Mr New (May 13), I rather enjoy the funny old lettered signs at polling stations, especially the pointing hands. They lend an air of difference and occasion to the proceedings; besides, their old-fashioned style brings to (my) mind the black and white photographs of suffragettes, Jarrow marchers, etc. — those visible records of events bound in to the tradition of British politics.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HADDON-REECE,
78a Kingston Street,
Cambridge.
May 13.

health care will regret that an opportunity has been lost. We can console ourselves with the reflection that, on this issue at least, the BMA does not adequately represent the views of the medical profession as a whole.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN LINDOP, Principal,
The British School of Osteopathy,
1-4 Suffolk Street, SW1,
May 14.

From Mr R. G. Rumary

Sir, My frustration on reading your report of the findings of the BMA's Board of Science investigation into alternative medicine is no doubt shared by many alternative-medical practitioners and their satisfied patients.

Of course some alternative remedies are ineffective and may cause harm. Of course alternative medical practitioners should be properly trained and qualified. Of course some remedies have a placebo effect. Of course many conditions are either chronic or have a high rate of natural recovery. But all of these comments also apply to orthodox medicine.

Healing is the function of the body, not of medical practitioners; their role is to promote healing, or at least to limit disease, in the most efficacious and least harmful way.

The attraction of so many alternative remedies is that whatever may be their demonstrable efficacy, they are very rarely harmful — something which cannot be said, alas, of most orthodox remedies with their heavy reliance on drugs and surgery.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD RUMARY,
Cave Cottage,
Alexandra Road, East Sussex.
May 13.

From Mr K. J. Biddis

Sir, It was fortunate for the members of the British Medical Association investigating alternative therapies that they did not consult those members of the veterinary profession who use homeopathic material, otherwise one of their main criticisms of this discipline, i.e., the placebo factor, would have been well and truly negated. Animals are quite unaware that they are receiving medication of any kind; nor are they influenced back to normal health by longer consultations and bedside manner.

Private practice depends upon results and no veterinary surgeon can afford, ethically or financially, to fiddle around with medication that does not give the best results, albeit unorthodox on many occasions to the incredulity of the laboratory boffins.

Yours faithfully,
K. J. BIDDIS,
32 St Roman's Road,
Southsea, Hampshire.
May 14.

my committee withdrew its interest in January, 1985.

Today the school still stands empty, awaiting a use, after vandalism, and last week the village shop and post office next door gave notice of its intention to close.

Yours faithfully,
G. P. BARNARD,
Honorary Secretary,
Church Minshull Village Hall Committee,
Old Orchard,
Church Minshull,
Nantwich,
Cheshire.
May 8.

Death at the top

From Dr Denis Dooley

Sir, Your "On This Day" column yesterday (May 12) on the shooting of Spencer Perceval, Prime Minister, in 1812 by Bellingham seems a somewhat significant reminder, in these days of violence, that the ever-present risk to which people in high places expose themselves is nothing new.

In 1843 an attempt was made by a Mr McNaghten on the life of Sir Robert Peel, who was uninjured, but his secretary was shot dead. McNaghten's counsel, Alexander Cockburn, QC (later Lord Chief Justice of England) offered a brilliant defence and won a verdict of "not guilty" on the grounds of insanity.

Out of this trial came the "McNaghten Rules" on which, in most English-speaking jurisdictions, the insanity concept of criminal law is based today. Had the McNaghten Rules been in effect at Bellingham's trial he must have been judged insane and would not have been hanged.

The skull of Bellingham remained for years in a box in the basement of St John's Hospital, a medical school. His name was engraved across the forehead. The skull can still be seen in the anatomical museum of Bart's.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS DOOLEY,
7 Murray Road,
Wimbledon, SW19.
May 13.

Distinguished visitor

From Mr E. H. C. Gritton

Sir, Your cricket correspondent (May 6) draws attention to Gavaskar's visit to England this year as being his eighth with an official side — a record which, I think, no one of any nationality can equal.

Sidney Gregory came here with the Australian sides of 1890, 1893, 1896, 1899, 1902, 1905, 1909 and 1912.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. C. GRITTON,
Middle Gingers,
The Grove,
Frimley,
Camberley, Surrey.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 17 1920

Joan of Arc, in 1429 had succeeded in persuading the Dauphin, later Charles VII, to let her lead troops to relieve Orleans.

She was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the British and was burnt at the stake on Rouen on May 30, 1431. In 1456 Pope Callistus III declared her innocent; she was beatified in 1909 and canonized by Benedict XV.

SAINT JOAN OF ARC

CEREMONY OF CANONIZATION.
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)
ROME, MAY 16.

An hour before midday the bells of St. Peter's and all the other Roman churches rang out to make public announcement of the canonization of Joan of Arc.

At an early hour the vast spaces of St. Peter's were filled by an immense crowd, and by eight o'clock the front doors were closed, leaving many outside who were unable to obtain admittance. Only the doors of the Sacristy and of the Sacristy of the Holy See remained open for holders of special tickets. Over the crowd on the steps of the Basilica hung a veiled picture of the Maid waiting the passage of the Pope from the Vatican through the vestibule.

Punctually at half-past eight the pope's cortege, headed by monks of the various religious orders, entered, and for an hour long it passed slowly up the nave, an immense and varied throng of ecclesiastics and Vatican officials. Twenty minutes behind the head of the procession came the great standard of Joan of Arc, which was lowered by the papal altar and placed in the transept to the right. The huge crowd and the rich costumes made an impressive spectacle, but more impressive still was the long procession of the archbishops and bishops, who walked two by two, each accompanied by an attendant. There were more than 300, and it seemed as though the line of white mitres would never come to an end.

At half-past nine the thrilling note of the silver trumpets filled the church, a stir and murmur ran through the assembled throng, and the Pope entered through the great central door. To one looking down from beside the papal altar along the far stretching nave, the Sadia Gestatoria appeared outlined small and dark against the light, and was carried high above the crowd, covered by a baldachin and backed by the two flabella, the great ceremonial fans.

On either side of the nave there broke out a flutter of white handkerchiefs that spread like a coming squall as the Pope was borne slowly up towards the altar. The Pope passed to a throne erected at the end of the nave, and Cardinals, Bishops, and Abbots made obeisance. [He] was then approached by the Cardinal Proctor of Canonization and the Consistorial Advocate. The latter, kneeling, prayed the Pope to inscribe the Blessed Joan of Arc on the Roll of Saints. ... Then followed the litany of Saints, sung by two beautiful baritone voices, with responses from hundreds of choristers placed in various parts of the church. ...

The Pontifical Mass followed, and at the moment of the offertory the ritual oblations were presented to the Pope — five candles and two loaves of bread, one gilt, the other silvered, and three gilded cages containing a pair of doves, a pair of turtle doves, and several small birds of different kinds. At the elevation of the Host came once again the shrill call of the silver trumpets, and at the end of the ceremony the Pope was borne out of the church accompanied only by the Pontifical choir.

The enormous crowd slowly filed out of St. Peter's and on the facade the great picture of St. Jeanne d'Arc hung unveiled to the noonday sun.

How long, O Lord?

From Mr J. E. Bowler

Sir, We are all late entrants into the discussion about the optimum length of an organ voluntary. The authorities at Amstardam, where J. S. Bach held his first organ appointment, recorded that "The Organist, Bach, used to play too long preludes but after this was notified to him by the Herr Superintendent he went at once to the opposite extreme and has made them too short".

Yours faithfully,
J. E. BOWLER,
Lyndell,
Bevan Lane,
Hinton on the Green,
Nr Evesham,
Worcestershire.

From Prebendary Edwin Stark

Sir, The recent correspondence reminds me of an organism I knew whose enthusiasm for extemporizations, in place of a voluntary after Evensong, could be brought to an end only by cutting off the electricity. Undaunted by the silence, he would continue to finger the keys until reminded that it was time to close the church.

Yours sincerely,
EDWIN STARK,
The Rectory,
The Parish of Bilsland with Temple and St Breward,
Bilsland,
Bodmin, Cornwall.

From Mr J. W. Tonking

Sir, How long, O Lord, is this correspondence going on? Yours faithfully,
J. W. TONKING,
Montana,
Felindre,
Llanidloes,
Powys.
May 12.

THE ARTS

Television

It was something of a scoop for *Omnibus* director Samira Osman to persuade that marvelous black chronicler Alice Walker to be filmed for a BBC1 portrait, and the first half tackled her writing and roots in an interesting way.

She read her own poems quite as beautifully as actress Cheyenne Powell, whose part it was to deliver passages from *The Color Purple* ("I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field and don't notice it"). Insisting on her role as a "romantic" who preserves history, Walker told how even her name commemorated an ancestor, a slave, who was forced to walk some incredible distance, with two babies, and live to over 100.

Concerned more for texture — for the warp and woof of black women's lives — than for the text, the film did seem perversely lacking in music. It also got into a bit of a muddle in the middle. When, in a sequence more appropriate to *Film 86*, we resurfaced with Steven Spielberg's account of how he filmed *The Color Purple* — in particular his coyness in dealing with a lesbian scene — the rest of the programme was devalued.

It is on racial grounds — for her goliwogs — that Enid Blyton has been banned from libraries. In a dire *Book Choice* (Channel 4) a journalist and barrister called Christine Verity seemed to have few credentials for talking about Blyton other than the fact she had read a biography. Verity was billed to speak for ten minutes. In fact she spoke joyfully for about five. What she communicated by her shuffles and deep breaths was not enjoyment but nerves, and a grim-faced relief it was all over. Perhaps she was suffering from the ailment analysed in *Dr Jekyll and Mrs Hyde* (Channel 4) — jauntily subtitled *The Many Faces of Premenstrual Syndrome*. This serious — almost taboo — affliction was aired in a sadly dull programme presented by a lugubrious doctor. Repetitive attention was paid to PMS symptoms like rage and even murder. The causes remained enigmatic, but it was interesting that all the women interviewed had bearded husbands.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Theatre



The campus collective meet trouble at a filling station

The young guns misfire

Real Dreams
The Pit

Nothing provokes the mockery of one generation more than the idealisms of its predecessor: and in this play (adapted from a story by Jeremy Piker) Trevor Griffiths relates an episode that invites howls of merriment at the expense of the American student revolutionaries of the 1960s.

Set in Cleveland at the death-rattle of the decade, it presents an ex-campus collective of young whites who have banded together to strike their blow against "pig America" by putting themselves under "Black and Brown" leadership. Orders arrive via a swaggering little Puerto Rican — Ramon — who gives them the heroic mission of burning down a local branch of the A & P, and as Ramon gives the game away to a passing motorist and has to be carried drunk from the scene of action, the plot ludicrously misfires.

The collective stagger back to base, only to receive death threats from the high command which suspects them of altering the fire-brigade: whereupon they spend the rest of the night stationed at the windows with loaded guns. "This is *Wagon Train*" their leader remarks in despair. "We're protecting our wom-

enfolk from the savages, but what we're supposed to be doing is joining the savages."

The speaker is Jack (Gary Oldman), a selflessly dedicated revolutionary purist along the lines of Hugo's Enjolras in *Les Misérables*; a figure marked out for heroic martyrdom, who finds his cause crumbling into farce and survival.

The whole piece is strewn with small deflatory details. Amid their sessions of ideological self-criticism, the collective are still in touch with their families. One boy confesses to abandoning a demo on remembering there was a dinner waiting for him at home. Another envies his girl who has made it into the Black Panther elite (straight American ambition still thrives in the revolutionary hierarchy). Then there is Karen (Michele Costa) who longs to be busted by the police, but still travels everywhere with her Louis XVI couch. There are sober reports of the campaign to enrol new members from schoolyards and parks, which fails to yield a single working-class recruit.

All the material is there for two hours of non-stop ridicule. But, as Griffiths presents it, every laugh is strangled at birth. This is partly a trick of tense. The play is written from the standpoint of those who were there at the time; not from the vantage point of 20 years later.

And it carries the implication that, however naive, the idealistic energy of that decade is preferable to the apathetic disenchantment into which it dispersed.

That is a disputable proposition. But Griffiths's achievement is to have marshalled all the negative evidence against his characters — down to their brutally stunted vocabulary — and still reactivated their cause as a "real dream" of more than nostalgic power.

Ron Daniels directs the play on a bare floor ringed by monitor screens alive with scenes of the Vietnam war and American riots which, more than any habitation, constitute the collective's living environment.

The group themselves swing between humdrum cooking arrangements and ecstasy reminiscent of the Manson clan. In this cultist atmosphere, where the worst insult is to be called a "good citizen", you never question the ease with which such a hopeless leader as Vincent Ebrahim's insult-screaming Ramon imposes himself on the expensively-educated rank-and-file.

Within the severe restrictions of the dialogue, Michael McNally, Adrian Dunbar, and Hilary Towner, build sharply individual personalities within the group.

Irving Wardle

Something
Wicked This Way
Comes
Everyman,
Liverpool

Ray Bradbury's second most famous novel is a successful early essay in Smalltown Gothic seen from the point of view of two Twainesque young lads. In psychological terms the story is a grotesquely decorated fantasy of pubertal apprehension, setting the boys' longing for maturity against their perception of time's deleteriousness and shot through with an insistence on moral courage.

From the first whiff of calliope music and cotton candy born on the fretful October wind, the carnival that creeps by night into Greentown, Illinois, bodes no good. In the course of their nocturnal ramblings the two wide-eyed boys (Barry Birch and Ben Daniels) discover that the carousel, when made to go backwards, is a rejuvenation machine; when forwards, it accelerates the ageing process looking for fresh supplies of youthful folly.

Liz Brailsford's adaptation shares out the narration piecemeal among the company, an irritating convention which allows Han Duijvendak's production to eschew naturalism. This means that, for instance, the Lightning Rod salesman's fantastical wares are handfals of air and that the illustrated Man's rolled-up sleeves reveal unadorned skin. If the play is to be seen as devolving entirely inside the boys' imagination, it requires much sharper direction.

The playschool's atmosphere is further abetted by Rodney Ford's simplistic design: two large step-ladders do service, variously, for rooftops, the carousel, and the library shelves where Mr Dark runs the fugitive youngsters to ground. One has to work too hard at imagining.

Neil Boorman's performance as the decent, philosophically-minded librarian whose courage finally thwarts Mr Dark in the convoluted climax, is several notches above that of his colleagues.

Martin Cropper

Concert

Sounds so right

Philharmonia/
Rattle
Festival Hall

Can Simon Rattle do no wrong? I am beginning to suspect that to be the case. Here in another concert of his "Après L'Après Midi" series with the Philharmonia Orchestra (who are also providing us with a few problems over the choice of new laudatory adjectives) he offered an exquisitely balanced programme with three of the four works containing a tantalizing duality between the light and the serious.

Arguably the most effective of the three was Ravel's short opera, *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges*, in which a child is taken to task, or perhaps dreams that he is, and given a fright by the things and beings around him that he has abused. Superficially charming and mildly amusing the work may be, but it strikes a sympathetic chord in adults not simply because we remember the enormity of our childhood fears, but because, in essence, we never really lose them. That is a point reinforced by the subtlety of Ravel's music.

This was a lovely performance that beautifully conveyed the abundant magic of the score, largely because of

Rattle's fine judgement in matters of balance. The singers also gauged their characterizations skilfully, with Elise Ross's innocently wicked Child, for example, perfectly straddled between bemusement and terror. Amler Gunson, as Mother *et al.* and Mary King, as Chair, Cat, Bat, and Squirrel, both brought to their multiple roles a properly imposing richness, and no less good were the resonant Raimund Herinx (the Armchair and the Tree) and Henry Herford (the Grandfather Clock and a beautifully sinewy Cat), and the percussive Peter Hall (the Teapot, the Old Man, and a Frog).

Before this, Ravel's orchestral version of *Alborado del gracioso* gave us a portrait of the lovelorn (or is he?) clown, and Debussy's forward-looking masterpiece of a ballet score, *Jeux*, hinted suggestively and atmospherically at what lay behind the bushes apart from a lost tennis-ball. Both were scintillatingly performed, as was Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos, altogether a thing more frivolous, I wish, though, that one of the Labèque sisters, who were the soloists here, had tried to curb her urge to shout during the music.

Stephen Pettitt

Radio

Passing sentence
on a let-down

You may know the story of the yokel who went to the big city. Returning to his village, he told a crowd of his admiring fellow villagers: "Friends, the King spoke to me." Deeply impressed, they ran off to spread the news — all except the village idiot. He stayed behind to ask: "But what did the King say to you?" "His exact words were 'Get out of my way!'"

It has been a bit like that with *On Being a Judge* (Radio 4, last two Mondays, repeated Fridays; producer Fran Achson), in which Judge James Pickles has been talking to Roger Wilkes. The judge is on the West Yorkshire circuit and he first broke the judicial convention of silence by publishing a newspaper article in which he criticized the legal process in general and the Lord Chancellor in particular. In other ways, too, he differs from his fellows: Wilfred Pickles was his uncle and he has written plays for radio.

Now any judge who can make these two claims on top of defying one highly respectable Chancellor may well have something going for him, but the build-up to this pair of programmes suggested we were in for something that would rock the British judiciary to its foundations. So what did the judge say to us? Nothing especially remarkable. Early in the second programme, for instance, he observed that the severity of a sentence was a bit of a lottery, depending on which judge handed it out, a fact self-evident since before Solomon. The interviewer's horrified "But that's an astonishing thing for a judge to say, isn't it?" — won't you undermine confidence in the whole court system?" sounded a trifle ingenious: although maybe Mr Wilkes is partly right, maybe it really is an astonishing thing for a judge to say and what is common knowledge has not yet reached the bench.

Later in the same programme Judge Pickles was faced with two of the men he had put away for stiff terms, neither of whom believed his sentence had done anything to deter him, although they are in fact now law-abiding citizens. In the first programme he crossed swords with Claire Short MP on the topic of legislating against Page 3 of

The Sun. He thought there was quite enough legislation already, although, as in his defence of deterrent sentencing, he did not make much of a case, but simply left Mr Short even more surly than when he began.

You might take these two programmes as evidence for a thesis advanced later in the week that the human brain is nothing like the keen instrument of logic we believe it to be. This was one topic of conversation between Colin Blakemore and Philip Johnson-Laird, an applied psychologist, in *The Byzantine Brain* (Radio 3, Thursday; producer Deborah Cohen), the first of three enticing programmes in which Professor Blakemore talks to various psychologists about the brain's powers of reasoning. Next Monday, under the intriguing title of *Hurford and Listerdink*, we can hear what is to be learnt from the logical abilities of chimpanzees.

Radio 4's two weekly features slots have been extremely variable both as to style and quality, but this week has produced an unusually attractive pair. Sunday's *Two Superior Persons* (producer John Theodoris) told in the protagonists' own words of the corrosive relationship between Lord Curzon as Viceroy of India and Lord Kitchener as his commander-in-chief. This was an expert compilation by Peter King which, as performed by Alec McCowen and Jeremy Kemp, vividly conveyed the clash of two immensely ambitious men, one of whom (Kitchener) emerged as both ruthless and deeply dishonest.

Tuesday's feature was *The Thomas the Tank Engine Man* (producer John Forrest), an endearing portrait by Brian Sibley of the Reverend W. Awdry. A brisk but kindly script and some productive interviewing revealed a slightly bumbling cleric astonished at his own success. Thomas and his mates in the loco shed seem set to go on for ever: after 41 years of writing Wilbert Awdry may be getting on a bit, but his son Christopher has picked up the pen and his grandson Richard (aged six) clearly has a mind to do so as soon as possible.

David Wade

Cannes Film Festival

A source that never dries up

Forty years after, and with all that has happened since, the Second World War remains the greatest trauma of modern history, and film-makers still find in it new aspects and new significances for our own times.

The Austrian Axel Corti's *Welcome in Vienna* has a special topicality at a moment when the unkinked are diagnosing a selective amnesia about war service as "Waldheim's disease". In Vienna, 1945, Corti observes the stage being set for the whole post-war period.

The film is in fact the third part of an autobiographical trilogy written by George Stefan Troller. Like Troller himself, the Jewish hero, having left Vienna in 1938, returns as an officer with the American Army. The optimism he shares with his fellow repatriates, that a new world will be built on the ruins of the old, is almost instantly dashed as the old order (and anti-Semitism was rampant in Austria several years before the Anschluss) is reasserted.

Despite restricted resources Corti's re-creation of the physical aspect of post-war Vienna, with its ruins, its road-blocks and its racketeers on every street-corner, is remarkable (helped by period-style black-and-white photography) and adds to the veracity of the attitudes and adjustments he describes.

Motion pictures are the 20th-century memory, and a whole group of films in Cannes has paid tribute to this aspect of cinema. A Thousand and One Marguerites is Gaumont's own tribute to its 90-year history — a torrent of



Back to the post-war days: Axel Corti's *Welcome in Vienna*

archival treasures edited far too swiftly to take in as individual fragments.

The German director Werner Nekes's *Film Before Film* is also almost too rich for digestion — a montage of the technology and iconography of all the moving-image devices which anticipated and culminated in the cinema.

From Belgium, Pierre Leve's *Thank You Mr Robertson* is a more formal,

dramatized history of the making of moving pictures, starting with the early 19th-century showman Etienne Gaspard Robertson. The pre-history of the art is evidently in vogue just now.

More recent memories are stirred in a British film, Alex Cox's *Sid and Nancy* — *Love Kills*. This dramatic recreation of the short life and death of Sid Vicious is surprisingly sad and sober. Its picture

of the world of the Sex Pistols is rigorously unglamorized. At the centre of the violent despair of early Punk, Sid appears as a simple-minded youth whose dependence on the drug-wrecked Nancy is as comprehensible as its lethal outcome is inevitable.

Without sentimentalizing its odd heroes, the film tries sincerely to understand.

David Robinson

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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

Can Cannes turn back to the future?

After many years in the doldrums, the British film industry is suddenly the centre of attention at the world's most celebrated festival. Glenys Roberts watches our movie moguls captivating the jaded traders of Celluloid-on-Sea

Not long ago two American agents were sitting in the glorious Hotel du Cap at Cannes ordering lunch. They started with melon, which was 50 francs a silver. One said to the other: "Fifty francs? I think I'll buy melon futures". This year, one of the agents stayed in California but the other went to Cannes and again ordered the melon. Now it was 100 francs a portion. So he called home and said: "Remember those melon futures? It's time to sell".

In a sense, the Cannes Festival had outdone itself even before Reagan bombed Libya, which is why the Americans may have jumped at the opportunity to stay home. The whole film business needs a rethink and the problem is a big one: modern life. The facts have finally outstripped the fantasy that used to be the province of the cinema.

The traditional Cannes opening ceremony says it all. Every year since the war some nubile young thing has stood on the steps of the Carlton Hotel, thrust her chest towards the Mediterranean and ripped open her bodice with the words "I declare this festival open". Fabulous stuff in 1946, but now every public beach is packed with bare-chested nymphets. It's clearly a superfluous gesture.

The irony strikes the most hardened exponents of screen shock. When Ken Russell, hardly a blushing violet, was whisked straight from the airport on to the beach at this, his very first festival, for one of the endless publicity lunches, he obviously did not know whether to attend to the fish or the flesh.

The film Russell has been in Cannes to publicize is called *Gothic*, and the producer explains they drink the landrum on page 10 and after that the roller-coaster starts. It is one of the British films scheduled by Virgin for release next year, and the British are doing very well here in the absence of any high-profile competition from America. At the British Pavilion, a two-decker prefabricated building on the beach to celebrate the close of British Film Year, they play host to every drunken colour-

film salesman, gypsy journalist and young director who wants to use it as a home from home between screenings and sales conferences. The BritPav is a brilliant invention, a unique outpost of the empire where a grip can talk to the stars rather than my lawyers talking to your lawyers.

That's what the movie business should be about, according to Menachem Golan and Yoram Globus. These two Goldwynesque Israelis are the new management duo at EMI who have made sure they have been the centre of attention throughout the festival. They say they have injected more than £56 million into the British industry this year and have lined up an impressive list of prospective pictures; they hope to recoup a lot of their development money from distribution deals signed in Cannes.

It all looks like good old-fashioned entertainment, which will come as a relief to cinema managers stuck with such ventures as *Max Mon Amour*, in which Charlotte Rampling falls in love with a chimpanzee.



In the limelight: Britain's GoGo cousins - Yoram Globus (left) and Menachem Golan - occasionally dine in cheap tourist restaurants but they still believe in showbiz razzmatazz

age, however, there are very few of these free and unabashed spirits left.

Even the boats in the bay are smaller this year. Gone is Onassis's Christina, on which Grace Kelly met Prince Rainier. Kashoggi's Nabila is not here and the American Sixth Fleet, which always fielded the aircraft-carrier on which Brigitte Bardot first threw off her clothes, has other things to do. All that is left is one small French frigate guarding Roman Polanski's £5.5 million pirate galleon, funded by one of the last great entrepreneurs, Dino De Laurentiis. There is also a modest yacht rented by the British for veteran movie-makers Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, who are here to be honoured by the British Council.

The movie business is getting old. It comes as a shock to see that the average age of the stroller on the Croisette is about 75. They come out of retirement homes to see the sights. The young are elsewhere.

The sound of Cannes is the creaking of arthritic bones at the bleep of the pocket calculator. No longer the new frontier, it is muscled out by insurance agencies, run by executives and accountants, terrified of not making ends meet and losing their golden handshakes. Their talk is only of money, not of ideas. "Imagine you had to sell two jumbo jets by Friday. That's where I'm at," says one.

and even Franco Zeffirelli managed to miss the cake ceremony which was the high point of the meal given for him and Placido Domingo because he was stumbling round in the dark trying to find a tree for his dog. Life is made up of such mundane realities, but the fiction of show business writing dictates otherwise. Journalists are here for Le Buzz.

Will Joan Collins visit Regine, whose life story she may or may not make? Who was the girl Jack Nicholson spoke to when he asked if *Prizzi's Honour* was showing this year? ("I don't know," said the girl. "This is the British stand"). "That's all right, dear," said Nicholson. "I speak British". Is Roman Polanski living in the Carlton or is it the Grande or maybe the Colombe d'Or along with Natalie Delon and Yves Montand? This is the really important stuff of the festival.

The true cineastes are the Scandinavians full of

spend the time between press conferences searching old book stores for klieg-lit photos of stars and discussing the meaning of the freeze frame. They are the people who clucked and tutted the minute the British press asked Roman who was sharing his hotel bedroom with, but they know idiosyncrasy when they see it.

For example, they loved the studied inconvenience of Grace Jones's invitation to a photo-call a £20 taxi ride away, where she appeared in four shades of black against a black background and refused to take off her dark glasses. At least there is a hint of star quality in this, which is more than can be said for the girl who handed Roger Moore some pictures of her in the nude and offered to do some typing that afternoon.

People will have to get used to the idea that there is one law for the GoGos and another for everyone else, as young British producer Victor Glynn has already learnt to his bemusement. He decided on a Hollywood tactic to ensnare their interest and took an ad in the trade daily to say he had been trying to discuss financing a movie

three years. The new moguls responded in the same flamboyant vein and also took an ad in which they agreed to a meeting on the terrace of the Martinez. At that rendezvous this week they listened with interest to Glynn's proposal and asked him to keep quiet until the end of the month. Then within two days they turned round and revealed their conversation at the Martinez to 3,000 pressmen.

But can the new duo at EMI make any difference to the British movie industry? The truth is we have heard most of the Cannon formula for success before: a new Agatha Christie movie, clean toilets in

Leicester Square, fresh popcorn, is that really all the cinema needs for a revival? It didn't work in the last decade of ever-changing studio heads. At least Golan and Globus are refreshingly unpredictable in their personal behaviour. On the day they put the executive Rolls-Royce up for sale in Golden Square, the GoGo cousins were spotted in a cheap tourist restaurant down by the port. The fixed menu cost 55 francs. You couldn't even buy a melon for that under the old regime. The executives like to play at moviemaking.

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Such stars as there are remain strictly behind the scenes this year. But then they always have been, staying up in the hills in houses rented from expatriate friends. They come down for their own screenings only when the publicity machine is in full swing. Otherwise they remain above the bus-fight and the desperate posers on the promenade who, in turn, are determined that they too will one day be up in the hills.

Meanwhile they must try to find a trick that will mean more than nudity. There is a man who wears two pairs of sun-glasses. The Italian girl in a straw boater typing her screenplay into a computer on the beach. There are girls apparently clad in tinfoil and countless newly-washed Afghan hounds.

Dogs are very big this year

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TRAVEL

Shaping up for the rough and tumble

The group filed past the Peruvian immigration desk at Lima. Booted and anoraked, they all looked ready for 10 days in the mountains: all, that is, except the American with carefully combed white hair wearing a business suit.

"You've done quite a bit of backpacking, I expect?" I ventured during the five-day acclimatization period, throughout which Ray resolutely refused to join any of the warm-up walks.

"Oh, I've never backpacked!" "Well, hiking then? You've done plenty of hiking?" "No, I don't go hiking."

Susan was another ill-prepared novice. She stared at the canoe and then at me. "But I can't sit there; it's all wet!" Later, as we hung up our hammocks in a jungle hut, she told me she was terrified of spiders, frightened of the dark and

couldn't risk eating any strange food in case she became ill.

Unfortunately, that is often the reality of trekking. The increasing popularity of adventure travel has inevitably led to a similar increase in unfit adventurers.

Lured by brochures and bravado or motivated by visions of their colleagues' admiration and the chance to do something different, they close their minds to what it will really be like trekking for 10 days in the mountains or journeying deep into the jungle by dug-out canoe. Where Third World countries are involved, travel fitness isn't simply a question of going jogging a few times a week - it's the preparation of body and mind for conditions totally different from anything at home and in locations where emergency help is

Trekking is a passport to adventure. But for the unprepared the risks can outweigh the rewards

either difficult or impossible to reach.

The unfit not only make a misery of their own holiday but also spoil it for other members of the group, particularly if it is obvious they should never have signed up in the first place.

Tour operators, naturally enough, are keener to sell their trips than to describe the hazards and discomforts in store. Most brochures are designed to have the client reaching for his or her cheque book before the dream of verdant forests and glistening peaks fades to mundane preoccupations with health and happiness.

How can one resist this invitation? "Today's walk is again gently uphill as we pass through a fascinating cloud forest full of lush sub-tropical vegetation. Emerging from the forest at about 11,500ft we continue to a lakeside campsite..." A more realistic description would read: "Today's climb brings us from 7,500ft to 12,500ft. The first four hours is an amazingly steep path through scrubby vegetation with no protection from the relentless sun. Water is scarce until the treetops. Water is scarce until the treetops. Water is scarce until the treetops."

To be fair, once the deposit is paid, the pre-departure information does usually emphasize the importance of being fit and comes clean on any health and safety hazards. But few people allow themselves to be put off at this stage, and by then it is often too late to do much about fitness, both physical and psychological.

Whether the holiday turns out to be the experience of a lifetime or three weeks of unadmitted hell, largely depends on you.

Seven points to consider before signing up for that trip miles and days from civilization are:

● Learn to read between the lines of a brochure - "simple rustic huts" can mean insect-ridden hovels, "mountain passes of breathtaking beauty" require breathtaking effort to climb. Put more trust in brochures that mention certain discomforts than those that make it sound like an apple-free Eden. Read other objective literature on the area before making your decision.

● Ask the tour operator to give you the name and address, or telephone number, of someone who has taken the trip - learn about it, and the company operating it, straight from the horse's mouth.

● Don't persuade a reluctant spouse or friend to join you.

● In high mountains, beware of altitude sickness. In its severe forms, it is a killer and only experience will tell you if you are vulnerable to it. Acclimatization is an essential part of the pre-trek

schedule. Ensure that at least five days are spent at high altitudes (7000 to 12,000ft) before the high part of the trek begins and that rest days are built into the itinerary to allow for gradual acclimatization.

● Find out if horses will be available should a walker fall ill or become incapacitated.

● If planning a trek and in any doubt about your health, have a medical check-up. Some tour operators require a doctor's signature on the application form. Be prepared to invest considerable time in becoming physically fit.

● Don't choose this type of holiday as a means of tackling your fear of heights, spiders, foreigners, open areas or closed spaces. It may not work.

Hilary Bradt

Breathless but on top of the world

Time was when travellers could return from exotic parts of the world with at least a tiger's head, an elephant's foot or some equally emphatic evidence of their fearlessness. Strong laws now protect those wild animals that were turned into ashtrays, wall decorations or floor mats, while the trekking industry has opened up exploration to the thunder of packaged feet through previously inaccessible countries.

The pressure is great and a reputation as an explorer is not easily won. It is even possible for the average strong hill walker to bag a Himalayan summit. "Mat" order mountaineering, as one specialist described this latest upwards turn in group travel, has arrived.

The expedition organized by ExplorAsia to Paldor, a 20,000-foot in the Ganesh Himal of Nepal, began for me at my local gymnasium. Some experience of climbing snow and ice was required but fitness was the most important qualification.

The place was busy with other enthusiasts bar-belling themselves into a different shape. The Adonis-in-charge gave me a critical scan: "Okay, so it's mountains you want to climb. That's legs, lungs and endurance." He handed me a programme and directed me towards a line of machines which the Inquisition might have used on stubborn heretics.

Two months and some 3,000 miles in British Airways' comfort later, that torture paid dividends when the first slope presented itself to my legs at Sundarjal, a village outside Kathmandu.

The monsoon had caused a fair amount of damage to the countryside. In the Khumbu region to the east near Everest it had left an inventory of havoc. The severe weather had continued into the normal,

Ronald Faux puts mountaineering by mail order to the test in the peaks of Nepal



Foothill folk: children of Nepal

calm of the post-monsoon with heavy snowfalls, high winds and freezing temperatures that caused many casualties among the early season trekkers.

But we were lucky. Our small expedition which set out early in November enjoyed 27 clear, calm days out of 28. Often the valley far below was blocked by a silver ocean of cloud from which the high ridges we were climbing rose like dark sea cliffs. They were in fact the outcrops to the central spine of the Himalayas, buttresses to the highest zone of permanent snow and ice in the world.

If fitness, or the ability to cope with a minimum of 10 miles a day of steep climbing, was the first essential, acclimatization was the second. Going too high too quickly will be rewarded by nausea, violent headaches and severe breathlessness.

Bill O'Connor, our leader and a long experienced Himalayan mountaineer, said:

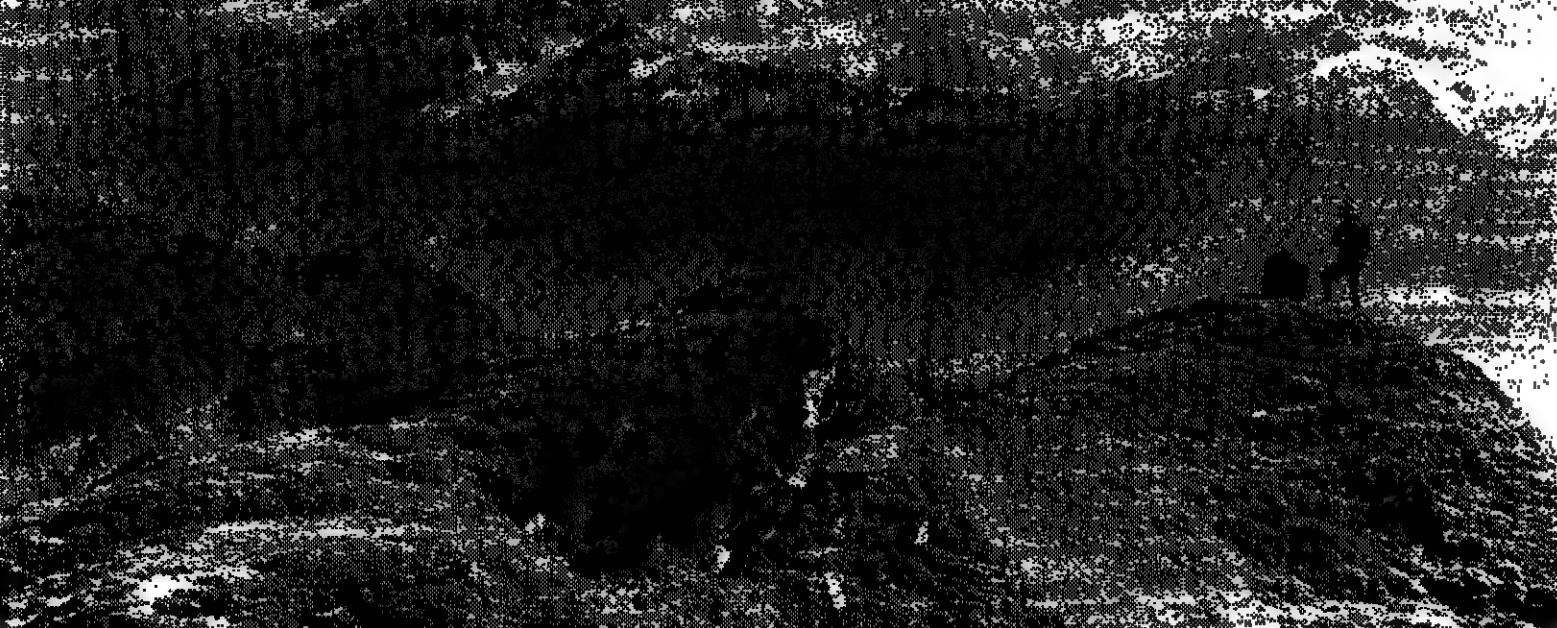
"Heroes are not impressive. Haste rather than speed is important." He set a gentle pace from the start, little more than the statutory plod of a policeman along those delectable pathways.

There was six of us in the party with a wide assortment of jobs, circumstances, humour and age, but all sharing the same interest in mountains. From Sundarjal we stepped into a world where the most useful task for the wheel was to grind corn. The pathways of Nepal are the only link between villages. They thread an intricate way along ridges, between dizzily cultivated terraces and up the steepest slope, but always by the most economical way. Few things can be more therapeutic or rewarding than walking along them, watching the views change at each turn and seeing the white barrier of the high Himalayas spread wider with each day.

Most of the hard work was done by 20 porters organized by Mountain Travel Nepal and directed by Lobang, a cheerful and utterly tireless Sherpa from the Sherpa village of Kunde. He and Bill O'Connor had a fine eye for a campsite and each stop surpassed the last with spectacular views towards the Ganesh peaks.

The days were warm even at 10,000ft and it was only at night that we felt the bite of the altitude and the approaching Himalayan winter. The temperature sank with the sun, and in the clear freezing air we could watch Orion rise above the peaks of Tibet and stride across the sky until the darkness intensified and the constellation became camouflaged in a myriad of stars.

The route gradually gained height until three days out we reached the sacred lakes of



Breath-taking: a view of the flat-topped gentle-sided summit of Paldor surrounded by the much higher peaks of the Ganesh Himal in the Himalayas

Gossain Kund at 40,375ft, a place of pilgrimage for tens of thousands of Buddhists. By this time our legs had developed a fairly tireless strength.

The walking day would begin at about dawn with tea served at the tent door. It took the sun half an hour to hit the campsite by which time the cooks had breakfast prepared. By 7.30 we were packed and ready for the next leg. The cook would be first off with his indefatigable assistant. There was little to see of him, just a pair of bare legs projecting beneath a tall, clanking collection of pots, pans and kettles. They would keep ahead of the main party and prepare the mid-morning break, then cook lunch and finally dinner in the evening at the next camp.

We caught our first glimpse of Paldor from about 10 miles off, a flat-topped, gentle-sided summit dominated by the surroundings and much higher tops of

mountaineer and explorer, and was not climbed again for many years because the sensitive area near the border with Tibet was closed.

More recently the government added Paldor to its list of permissible trekking peaks - summits that may be climbed without a full and more costly mountaineering permit. But 20,000ft is still some 5,000ft higher than anything in Europe and while it might not be in Messner's "Zone of Death" it was certainly in Faux's "Zone of Breathlessness".

The inward trek lasted eight days following a high semi-

circle of ridges and passes well away from the scoured trekking route into Langtang, an ancient pathway whose overpopularity was marked by a rash of pink flowers that turned out to be twists of toilet paper. "Welcome to Syabru. Welcome to the Turd world", remarked one inebriated member of our expedition.

Although trekking in wild country may require some standards to be suspended, a bout of Kathmandu revenge is enough to make most trekkers meticulous about hygiene. Lobang gave this a high priority and at every campsite there appeared a tall, Camelot-

style toilet tent in bright blue fabric and, before every meal, a bowl of disinfected water was placed outside the mess tent. The policy paid off and no one suffered.

Over the Brindong Danda ridge we climbed through countryside where the path was thick with garnets and other rock crystals. The terrain became wilder and the base camp below Paldor, which should have been in an Alpine meadow, was snow-covered. Even so, it was impressively beautiful and, after a couple of days acclimatizing, we set out for advance base camp at 16,000ft.

The summit day began before dawn, dragging reluctant feet from the warmth of the tent, pulling on windproofs and down jackets to keep out the frost that hung in the still air. Hard ice crunched under crumpled boots. The ground steepened and we roped up into two parties. The pace was

painfully slow but Paldor gradually unfolded, sharpening to a final steep ridge that ended in an overhang of ice that had built up on the leeward edge of the summit. Bill O'Connor burrowed through this last obstacle and we were at the top.

It was a narrow ridge with the world falling away for thousands of feet on all sides. To the east was the Everest group, ahead the highest peaks in Tibet, to the west Annapurna and between them all the curve of the earth. It was a tremendous climax to eight days of steady, hard effort.

On the return to Kathmandu along the Tudu Danda ridge all went well except that some thief in the night stole the toilet tent. Lobang explained with a philosophical shrug that it was unlikely the culprit was after privacy. He would be after the material. Somewhere in Nepal someone is walking around in a very odd suit of clothes.



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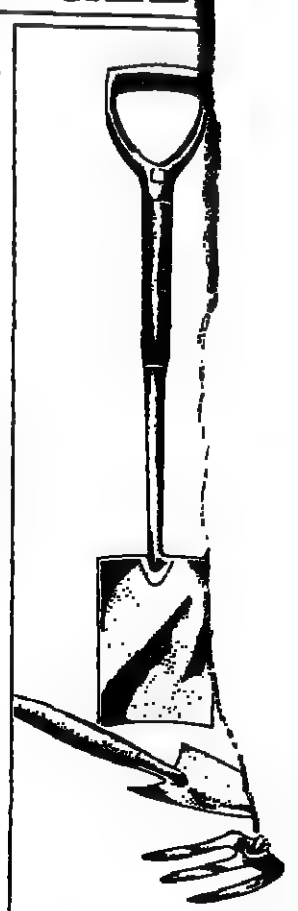
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Philip Ray

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TRAVEL



Mirror image: perfect peace in a land fit for ramblers

Camp followers on the walkabout trail

The years of squirearchy and serfdom are all but over, and farmers nowadays are more likely to be driving Volvos than tractors. Everybody knows this, but I felt it was taking embourgeoisement of the countryside too far when Sue and Dick Frost's leaflet for their walking holidays in Lancashire's Bowland Hills promised packed lunches of pizza and diners rounded off by cheesecake "made from our own goats' cheese".

My relief, on arrival, at finding a sensible, ironic, self-deprecating couple was considerable. Dick's sole concern was to hit on a way of supporting his 17th-century stone cottage in the village of Lowgill and his passion for walking.

Each day, after a cooked breakfast in the big tent, Dick would shepherd us through Bowland's forgotten farmers' tracks while, back at base, Sue prepared fine dinners. We slept in tents we never had to pitch ourselves in fields belonging to friendly farmers. Every second day Sue packed the entire camp into a van and stied it somewhere else so our daily bikes, over the week, were alternately circular and to the next site some dozen miles down the valley.

Our first walk on the Sunday, up a wild moorish hill called Hawkhead, was cut short when the morning drizzle turned to a downpour and we fled for shelter to a barn, from where Sue's van collected us. Our campsite was already on its way to becoming a communal mud-bath and as the wind tore at the canvas and water seeped in around our boots, not even Sue's excellent casserole could lift our spirits.

But, drawn together by the appalling weather and speculation over whether Sue and Dick's marriage could survive the week, we soon found ourselves relishing the

minor crises, enthusing wildly over each fleeting burst of sunshine and eating like pigs. Those who at first feared they were too out of practice to keep up on the walks found their own pace. Those more used to country walks soon agreed that Bowland had scenes to rival anything we had ever seen from a designated path.

It is rough farmers' country — by which I mean both the farmers and their land are to be treated with deference. I lost count of the number of times Dick made a detour to thank a taciturn landowner, or the occasions I misjudged the quality of a mossy surface and landed in marsh.

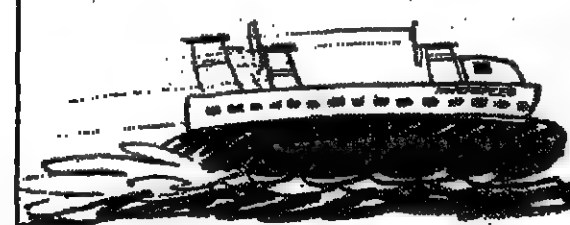
Making the land fit for ramblers comes nowhere in the region's list of priorities because, in the normal way of things, there are none. On the second day's walk we crossed a raging river by suspending ourselves between two steel wire ropes, one at eye-level, the other beneath our feet. Only the cheery assurance of a 65-year-old farmer's wife that she had used "the bridge" herself only last Christmas gave us the courage.

On the last night, we camped near the stone-built Domesday village of Slaidburn, where the wheelwright's forms can still be seen and the Hark to Bounteous pub cannot look so very different from when it doubled as the local court three centuries ago. As we started our fourth meal of the day, a tweed-jacketed figure approached and said memorably: "Let me welcome you to Slaidburn... I'm the local squire". And so he was: he owned the entire village.

But Bowland is like that.

Andrew Billen

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THE TIMES COOK

Become a sucker for squid



Look past the ugliness for a meal with a difference, says Shona Crawford Poole

Stuffed squid
Serves four

4 squid

For the stuffing:

4 tablespoons olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

225g (8oz) ripe tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped

2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

1 teaspoon finely chopped marjoram, oregano or thyme

55g (2oz) fresh breadcrumbs

2 egg yolks

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the sauce:

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

450g (1lb) ripe tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped

20 black olives, preferably niçoise

Reserve the prepared squid pouches for stuffing and chop the flaps and tentacles finely. To make the stuffing, heat the oil in a frying pan and add the onion. Cook gently until the onion is tender, but not coloured, and add the garlic and chopped squid. Turn the mixture briefly to a higher heat, then add the tomatoes and herbs. Cook gently for five minutes then take the pan off the heat and stir in the breadcrumbs and seasoning followed by the egg yolks.

Divide the stuffing between the squid pouches, filling them no more than three-quarters full. Close them with a cocktail stick or a stitch of string.

To make the sauce, sauté the onion in the oil until it is tender but not coloured before adding the garlic and tomatoes. Add pepper and the olives, which may be salty enough to season the dish. Add salt, if needed, at the end of cooking. Add the stuffed squid to the sauce, turn them in it, then cook covered, on a low heat, until the squid is very tender — about an hour.

Serve stuffed squid with rice, or with fresh bread and salad.

Squid and shrimp salad
Serves four

570g (1¼lb) squid

Salt

225g (8oz) cooked, shelled shrimp

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

2 tablespoons chopped chives

6 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Freshly ground black pepper

Cut the bodies of the prepared squid into rings not more than 6mm (¼in) wide, and the flaps into strips of the same width. Chop the tentacles into short lengths.

Drop the squid into boiling, salted water and cook it very briefly: a minute is enough. Immediately drain it into a sieve and cool quickly under running water.

Mix the squid and prawns with the parsley, chives, oil, lemon juice and seasonings. Mix well and leave to marinate for at least an hour in the refrigerator. Serve the salad as a first course.

Black rice is an apt name for a squid risotto which includes the ink. For 450g (1lb) arborio rice use about the same weight of prepared squid chopped into small dice. Begin by cooking the squid until tender in a tomato sauce made with at least 450g (1lb) sieved tomato flesh added to an onion softened in olive oil. The sauce is generously seasoned with garlic, parsley and a little fresh chilli or cayenne pepper.

When the squid is tender add about 300ml (½ pint) dry white wine and the ink. Bring to the boil and add the rice. Cook gently, stirring often and adding water, a cupful at a time, until the rice is tender. Serve immediately. This quantity serves three or four people as a main dish.

OUTINGS

ANTIQUITY TOYS AND DOLLS: Exhibitors from nine countries with more than 10,000 toys and dolls on show in the seventh London International Toy Convention. Also an exhibition of mechanical savings banks and vintage electric trains.

London West Hotel, Little Road, London W8 (01-385 1255). Tomorrow, 9.30am-4.30pm. Adult £3, child £1.

INTERNATIONAL AIR FAIR: Seven-hour programme in which the highlight is the Concorde fly-past, accompanied by a formation of Spitfires. Refreshments throughout. Biggin Hill, Kent (0859 71111). Today, tomorrow, from 11am. Adult £4.50, child £1.50.

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS: Benjamin Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* performed by the Solihull Orchestra, conducted by Malcolm Binney and narrated by Brian Kay. Also a chance to meet orchestra members.

Shelburne Theatre, Oxford (0865 241023). Today, 4pm. Adult £3, child £2.

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CHATS WORTH ANGLING FAIR: Aspects of coarse and game fishing, including hook-making, fly-tying, catching, cooking, brining, smoking. Fly-casting competition and demonstration by world champion James Tomlin. Parachuting display and military bands. Bar and refreshments throughout. Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire. For full details, telephone 03287 5367. Tomorrow, 9.15am-5.30pm. Adult £2, child £1.

ROSPA INTERNATIONAL SAFETY EXHIBITION: Among 150 exhibitors will be experts from specialist organizations giving advice. In "safety arena" 10 different aspects of occupational health and safety will be featured. Many demonstrations and working displays.

National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (021 720 4171). Tues, Wed, 10am-5pm; Thurs, 10am-4pm. Free.

Judy Froshaug

AUCTIONS

OAK BONANZA: Oak and country furniture on offer at Sotheby's Sussex auction room in Basingstoke. A 15th-century coffer and a dole cupboard from the Commonwealth period for storing food are among the items.

Sotheby's, Summers Place, Basingstoke, West Sussex (040381 3933). Viewing today, 9.30am-12.30pm, and Mon, 9.30am-4.30pm. Sale Tues, 10.30am.

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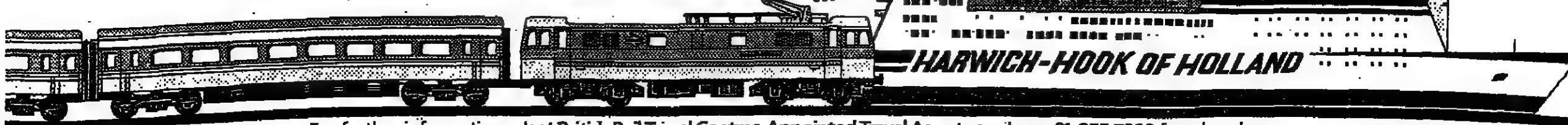
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BRIDGE

Tricky points of order

Distinguished company, a fine lunch and exciting bridge combined to make the annual match between the Lords and Commons, held at the Inn on the Park, London, a memorable occasion. This was the 12th match in a series which is always enjoyed by the participants, a tribute to Rixi Markus's organization.

The teams were: House of Lords - The Duke of Atholl (captain), Lord Grimthorpe, Lord Gishborough, Lord Smith, House of Commons - Sir Peter Emery (captain), Sally Oppenheim, Kenneth Baker, Tim Sainsbury, Robin Squire, Michael Mates, Dr John Marek, Richard Holt.

The Lords, although numerically outnumbered, established an early lead. But the Commons struck back to such effect that the margin was reduced to a mere 30 aggregate points at lunch.

On resumption the Lords gave an impressive display of disciplined bidding.

Rubber Duplicate. Love all.

A parliamentary struggle seen

by Jeremy Flint

W	N	E	S
Square	Atholl	Sainsbury	Smith
No	1NT	No	No
No	No	No	No

Opening lead 44

Some players holding the North hand would be tempted to bid two no trumps over South's reverse of two spades. But the absence of any fitting cards in South's suits correctly persuaded the Duke to adopt a more prudent approach. Lord Smith, for all his 19 points, made a swift and accurate diagnosis. It was harsh that such a malign distribution made a two-trick defeat almost inevitable.

At the other table Sir Peter Emery, as North for the Commons, was declared an enterprising three no trumps. With the VK marked on his right, Lord Grimthorpe found the fine lead of the ♠10. Sir Peter struggled valiantly but to no avail.

On ceremonial occasions the Duke of Atholl has his

own hand to provide a skirt of pipes. The pipers might have been absent on the next hand, but the Duke's dashing contempt for danger was not. Rubber Duplicate. North-South game.

W	N	E	S
Sainsbury	Smith	Square	Atholl
No	3NT	No	No
No	No	No	No

Positions changed for convenience.

W	N	E	S
Sainsbury	Smith	Square	Atholl
No	3NT	No	No
No	No	No	No

According to the text books, the Duke's hand is about an Ace short for a one no trump overall. Normally he would have emerged with a flesh wound. But Robin Squire is obviously not a man to be trifled with. His double attracted a club lead from Sainsbury, and accurate defence produced a 500 penalty which formed a fair portion of the Commons's final winning margin of 870 aggregate points.

CHESS

Enthusiasts on the move in Africa

The Nigerian Chess Federation has proved to be one of the most active on the African continent. Under the leadership of their dynamic president, Chief Sylvanus Oluwa Eniguel, the federation organized the first Pan-African Junior Championship at Lagos in 1980. I was arbiter for that inaugural event and can testify to their tremendous enthusiasm. A particular favourite there is Blitz chess, where each player has just five minutes to finish an entire game.

The Nigerians have now surpassed themselves by attracting major sponsorship to support an international tournament. This was held during April at the Eko Holiday Inn and resulted in victory for the guest star, Common-

wealth Junior Champion David Norwood, aged 17, of Bolton. Norwood scored 7½ from 9, ahead of Whiteley 6½. A further field included representatives from Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal and Ghana. Here is the game which decided first prize:

White: Whiteley; Black: Norwood. Benson and Hedger Grand Prix, Lagos 1986. Modern Benoni.

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nxd4 e6 5. Nc3 d5 6. Bg5 Be7 7. e5 Nfd7 8. Bf3 O-O 9. Qd2 Qc7 10. O-O Rb8 11. Bb5 Bb6 12. Bxb6 axb6 13. Qc3 Bc5 14. Qd2 Bb6 15. Qc3 Bc5 16. Qd2 Bb6 17. Qc3 Bc5 18. Qd2 Bb6 19. Qc3 Bc5 20. Qd2 Bb6 21. Qc3 Bc5 22. Qd2 Bb6 23. Qc3 Bc5 24. Qd2 Bb6 25. Qc3 Bc5 26. Qd2 Bb6 27. Qc3 Bc5 28. Qd2 Bb6 29. Qc3 Bc5 30. Qd2 Bb6 31. Qc3 Bc5 32. Qd2 Bb6 33. Qc3 Bc5 34. Qd2 Bb6 35. Qc3 Bc5 36. Qd2 Bb6 37. Qc3 Bc5 38. Qd2 Bb6 39. Qc3 Bc5 40. Qd2 Bb6 41. Qc3 Bc5 42. Qd2 Bb6 43. Qc3 Bc5 44. Qd2 Bb6 45. Qc3 Bc5 46. Qd2 Bb6 47. Qc3 Bc5 48. Qd2 Bb6 49. Qc3 Bc5 50. Qd2 Bb6 51. Qc3 Bc5 52. Qd2 Bb6 53. Qc3 Bc5 54. Qd2 Bb6 55. Qc3 Bc5 56. Qd2 Bb6 57. Qc3 Bc5 58. Qd2 Bb6 59. Qc3 Bc5 60. Qd2 Bb6 61. Qc3 Bc5 62. Qd2 Bb6 63. Qc3 Bc5 64. Qd2 Bb6 65. Qc3 Bc5 66. Qd2 Bb6 67. Qc3 Bc5 68. Qd2 Bb6 69. Qc3 Bc5 70. Qd2 Bb6 71. Qc3 Bc5 72. Qd2 Bb6 73. Qc3 Bc5 74. Qd2 Bb6 75. Qc3 Bc5 76. Qd2 Bb6 77. Qc3 Bc5 78. Qd2 Bb6 79. Qc3 Bc5 80. Qd2 Bb6 81. Qc3 Bc5 82. Qd2 Bb6 83. Qc3 Bc5 84. 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DRINK

Choosing a choice Chablis

Over the years I have tried hard to appreciate Chablis. I have no trouble recognizing the finesse of a great *grand cru* Chablis, with its greeny-gold colour and delicious vegetable flavours overlaid with a classic, cheesy taste. It is all those dreary, acidic, sour, over-priced Chablis and *petit Chablis* wines that I object to.

Giving your taste buds the pleasure of experiencing a great *grand cru* Chablis is likely to cost £12.50 a bottle. And at that price even leading wine merchants like Lay & Wheeler, who carry a range of *grand cru* Chablis, find it impossible to recommend them to customers.

In recent years the Chablis vineyards, especially those of the *premiers* and *grands crus*, have been greatly expanded, and many feel this has led to a dip in quality. After these come the straight Chablis appellations and, finally, the rarely seen *petit Chablis* designation.

For those who have the money to find out what the *grand cru* Chablis fuss is about, I suggest a visit to the *Majestic Wine* Warehouse. The fine '83 Chablis *grand cru* Bougros from the respected firm of Lamblin & Fils is priced at £12.95, but its clear, zesty, Chardonnay fruit flavour, backed up by that grassy Chablis taste and steely finish, does make it textbook Chablis.

Majestic also carry the '83 J. Moreau & Fils Valmur *grand cru*. Soft, floral and cheesy, this is not in the same league as the Lamblin offering, but at £13.99 it is perhaps worthwhile, as it goes up to £14.89 shortly.

Sainsbury's well-made '83 *Domaine Montée de Viviers* Chablis, at £5.45, has a lovely green cabbage smell and taste and makes a good summer aperitif and a good first course wine.

Similar in style is Marks & Spencer's '84 Chablis from the well-regarded La Chablisienne co-operative. Its pale greeny-gold colour is backed up by an elegant fresh green vegetable style, and at £5.50 it is, along with the Sainsbury's '83, as much of a Chablis bargain as anyone is likely to get this year.

Jane MacQuitty

Barry Pree visits a new showcase for modern British design which opens next month

In an era of mass production, finding original modern furniture is almost a lost cause unless, that is, you turn — unless — to a commissioning designer to make something unique.

But if you want a special table or chairs, a rug or a lamp, how do you find a designer-craftsman who is on your wavelength and set about the business of commissioning?

Sharon Plant, who runs the Aspects gallery in Whitfield Street, London, which specializes in commissioned work, has come up with a panacea for the frustrated new individualist at a house in Highbury, North London.

With a background in gallery administration in Oxford and the Crafts Council, 31-year-old Sharon started Aspects gallery four years ago. "We found that people liked what they saw in the gallery, but very often couldn't visualize it in their own homes," she says. "They would go away and think about it and then come back — sometimes months later — ready to buy, and by then the piece was gone. The same was often true for people wanting to commission items. You could show them slides and drawings and models, but they still found it difficult to imagine the end product in their own home setting."

Early last year, Sharon and her husband, Steve Penny, decided to move house — and, ingeniously, to use the opportunity to solve this recurring problem. They bought a derelict, semi-detached Victorian family house near the Arsenal football ground in Highbury and transformed it into a showcase for modern British design.

Here, in ten rooms which will be on view from next month, prospective Aspects clients will be able to see the work of 30 designers in everyday use — from lights to doorhandles, tables to beds, ashtrays to fireplaces. Every item has been specially designed for this house.

Many of the designers involved in the Highbury



project have put their own money into the venture. For some it has been an expensive enterprise. Bob Pulley designed a massive metal, glass and laminate table as the central element in Sharon Plant's dining-room. "In real terms of the materials used and my time, it probably cost me near to £5,000," he says. "But a small limited run will pay for it. And then you have to remember that it is something I love doing."

Brian de la Cour has designed a remarkable series of doorhandles for the house in Highbury: for each door a different handle, shaped in wood and perspex, to tone with the door's structure and colour. The handles will sell for £50 to £80 each. "I suppose you could go out and buy some mass-produced doorhandles for a few pence each," de la Cour says. "What you are paying for with these is exclusivity — for something that no one else can have."

Phillip Wright is a visual consultant who has been commissioning furniture, jewelry, clothes and lamps for 15 years. "There was a time when

everything was a work of commission, but the British appear to have forgotten that tradition," he says.

"I commission because I want something that is a one-off piece," he says. "There are wonderful mass-produced modern designs on the market, but nothing can have the character of something made specially for you. I also believe one is supporting British arts and crafts at the same time." Although the Plant's house is a showcase for very modern styles, it is quite possible to commission work from more traditional designers. It might sound a bit pompous, but when you commission you are a patron in the old sense.

Sharon Plant is firmly convinced that that tradition of commissioning can be renewed. "The British have their eccentricities, but generally they know what they like and want," she says. "It's just that they tend to chicken out and settle for something second best. It's not a question of money — a commissioned work can cost the same as something similar in a store."

SHOPPING

Why the custom-made is always right

Art of commissioning

There are certain key rules to follow if you are thinking of commissioning a piece. These include:

● Compare prices of similar objects in galleries and stores. Set yourself a limit and stick to it.

● Try to have a clear idea in your mind about whether the object is decorative or functional, where and how it is to be seen and used, and its shape, colour and size right for you (for example, if it is big, will there be a great problem getting it into your house?).

● Select your artist or craftsman because you know his work and like it, or from photographs and slides from the crafts centres. If you feel uncertain, make a shortlist and arrange meetings. First meetings cost you nothing, but

be sure you and your craftsman understand each other.

● Smaller items usually only require a simple agreement. For larger pieces, you will probably be asked to pay an advance (craftsmen need money to buy materials), and sometimes in instalments. Most craftsmen are easily approachable and settle for uncomplicated agreements; some prefer to have galleries acting as agents. In either case ask the specialist craft centres for advice. Never enter into a contract unless you are committed to your decision.

● The end product usually arrives on time. But sometimes the craftsman has to wait for special materials or something goes wrong; and sometimes he simply takes longer to get it the way he wants it. Have patience, but do not be nervous about checking on progress.

WHERE TO LOOK

Aspects, 3-5 Whitfield Street, London W1 (01-580 7553). Open Mon-Fri, 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm. Slide index for clients wishing to commission. Acts as a go-between for both client and artist. The house in Highbury will be open from mid-June by appointment only — telephone 01-354 3073.

The Crafts Council, 12 Westmore Place, Lower Regent Street, London SW1 (01-930 4811). Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Slide library holds more than 20,000 slides of artists working in a wide range of areas, including bookbinding, calligraphy, leather, precious metals, musical instruments, pottery,

Rare talent: Sharon Plant is the bedroom of her Highbury house, with some of the specially commissioned objects. From left to right: Throw of cotton linen fabric in bold random stripes, by Helen Yardley. Textile screen in delicate apricot designed and printed by Bev Houlding using wood and mirrors, £590. Padded sofa in stained and lacquered woods, by Ruth and Tony Nicholson, £1,500. Standard lamp and smaller metal disc reflector light, by Mike Stevenson, £200-£300. Flat ceramic torso with grey smoked effect, by Christie Brown, £280. Tall Gothic chair in black painted wood, by Tony O'Neill, £600. Ceramic spoon in splodged apricot, blue and green, by Angus Suttie, £25. Ceramic oval dish with incised grid design decorated by Jacqui Poncelet, £500. Ceramic high sided bowl in black, cream, pink and green splash design, by Janice Tchelenko, £250. Tufted long rug, by Helen Yardley, £265 per square metre. On Sharon: papier maché bracelet in speckled jade, by Julia Manheim, £200; postcard brooch, by Otto Kazzli, £10.

ceramics, weaving, knitting, embroidery, furniture, wood carving and turning. Supplies brief descriptions of the work of various artists. Provides guidelines on commissioning and a specialist advice service.

The British Crafts Centre, 43 Earham Street, London WC2 (01-836 6993). Open Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm and Sat 11am-5pm. Mainly concerned with textiles and ceramics. Provides an information service on commissioning and suggests individual designers.

The Design Council, 28 Haymarket, London SW1 (01-839 8000). Extensive library of slides open to the public by appointment. Specialist advice available for substantial commissions.

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Paperbacks

REVIEW

Marcos exits, pursued by the poet...

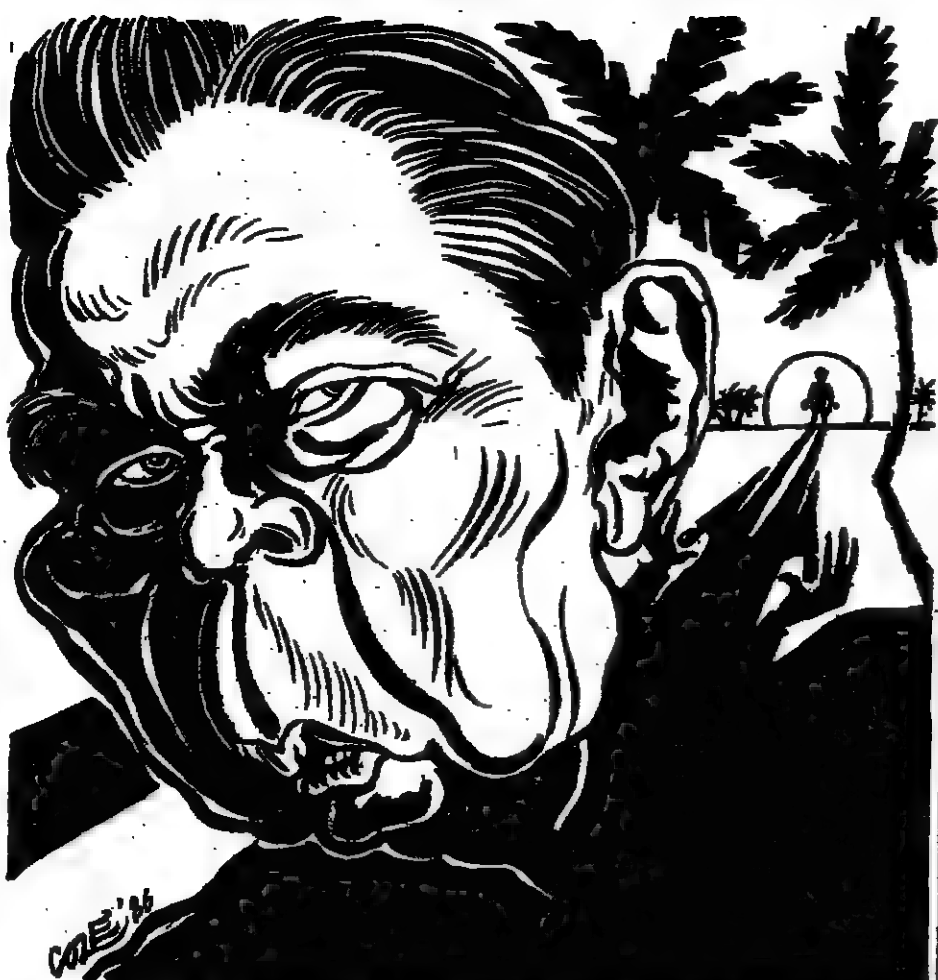
Granta 18, The Snap Revolution by James Fenton (Penguin, £3.95)

For a poet and an intellectual, James Fenton has a remarkable taste for an unsensational life and the rough places of history. He persuaded Granta to send him to the Philippines before the elections were even announced, because it felt as though it was the sort of place where something might be going to happen.

Odd stories were coming out of the Philippines. Pirates came from there last year to attack a city in Borneo. Ships sank with catastrophic loss of lives. People from all over the world arrived to have psycho-surgery, rummage through their guns. Holy War in Mindanao. Communist insurgency. Manila a brothel.

Fenton thought he would arrange a decent holiday and go out to take a look at this interesting place. The idea was that he would have the Philippines to himself. There would be no other people there to watch, and wait, and observe.

It did not work out that way. He arrived for the elec-



tions and stayed for the revolution, causing the Literary Editor of *The Times* pain and grief at being deprived of his lead reviewer. But it was worth it for this poet's eyewitness account of history happening.

He was first into the Presidential Palace after the fall. His loot included a towel with the monogram of Imelda, and a letter to President Marcos found by the grand piano, on

which James played Bach's Prelude in C while the population of Manila rioted outside. This hot-off-the-press account is, as you would expect, splendid. Fenton has a sensitivity and sympathy for all sorts and conditions and races of men. His original eye sees the oddities of war, and journalism, and guerrillas in T-shirts watching videos of *Rambo* on their Betamax in

He is funny, and clever, and mischievous, and humane. As always he is sharp-eyed looking inwards at his thoughts and feelings, as well as looking at the world outside. He is the most professional of amateur war correspondents, a true though unusual journal, top of the trade. When he arrives in town, prudent dictators pack their bags and quit.

Philip Howard

Classical dissection of a diverse language

The State of the Language: English Observed by Philip Howard (Penguin, £3.50)

First published in 1984, this exceedingly useful and down-to-earth study of nine broad areas of the English language has now appeared in paperback.

The nine areas - registers (the forms of language used in particular social circumstances), slang, jargon, dialect, cliché, euphemism, grammar, spelling and punctuation - are filled with traps for the unwary. But Philip Howard approaches his themes with the confidence of an Olympic hurdler, with bold aggressive lifts as the equidistant obstacles loom up, and a stylish victorious dip towards the finishing tape.

The audience will applaud his classical allusions ("secretaries perform elaborate exchanges of *synonymy*"), and, familiarly, *causa*, will forgive him for revealing the main Greek and Latin words for the main members.

The Literary Editor of *The Times* has read innumerable books and has written many word-empire and has thousands of followers "from China to Peru". He knows that, in our multilingual society, one dialect - Received Standard - is given astounding prominence.

He doesn't quite say (though I feel sure he is on the way to recognizing it) that paradoxically the other dia-

lects, far from having been snuffed out, are flourishing and have now become the darlings of linguistics professors. He is rightly sceptical about those who seem to think that the English language was invented by Ferdinand de Saussure in Paris or at any rate by Noam Chomsky at MIT.

Any gaps? Well, by 1984, he did not seem to have read much about discourse analysis or about the tree diagrams of generative grammar - the dazzling new approaches that leave Old Grammarians wringing their hands.

The New Grammarians do not understand the nature of linguistic suffering, the kind of pain that people, especially those over the age of 40, feel as the subjective withers away, and who/whom may/might, and all these old "inconveniences" distinctions die because they are no longer taught in schools.

This book shows a professional understanding of the nature of linguistic change. He does not cheer while "received meanings" are becoming "unhinged". He does not describe a play as a "text" or as a "discourse". Classically, fluently, methodically, he describes what he sees before him, the richness and diversity of the language of a million books and of 300 native speakers of English. And, as a bonus, there is quite a lot about the ancient Greek and Latin tongues as well.

Robert Burchfield

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 953

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, May 22, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1X 9J. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, May 24, 1986.

ACROSS
1 Go in front (4,3,4)
9 Torpedo (7)
10 Extra high gear (5)
11 Pasty dish (3)
13 Otherwise (4)
14 Because vague (4)
17 Delivery vehicle (6)
18 Practice exam (4)
20 Veruca (4)
21 Niche (6)
22 Team (4)
23 Doll yellow (4)
24 Business (3)
25 Scream (5)
29 Hermaphrodite (7)
30 East/West border (4,7)

DOWN
2 Faulty (5)
3 Food (4)
4 Speak tediously (4)
5 Biography (4)
6 Lucerne (7)
7 Complete digestion (5)
8 Banker for (6,5)
12 Inside (6)
14 Aircraftman (3)
15 Ceres (6)
19 Corpse (7)
20 Fabric mesh (3)
24 Womb (5)
25 Stilled brook (4)
26 Indian draught on (4)
27 River mud (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 947 (last Saturday's prize crossword)
ACROSS: 1 Watercourse 9 Harrier 10 Igloo 11 Pitt 13 Oval 16 Gilt 17 Ennui 18 One 20 Felle 21 Guinea 22 Rind 23 Tuna 25 Sew 26 Piece 29 Realist 30 Pudding Lane
DOWN: 2 Aurora 3 Epic 4 Corp 5 Udd 6 Salaria 7 Chronograph 8 Toot de Suite 12 Intest 14 Leo 15 Amnesia 19 Tonsure 20 Fat 24 Union 25 Seed 26 Wren 27 Wall

The winners of prize crossword No 947 are: Mrs L. M. Salisbury Drive, Epsworth Park, Evesham, Worcestershire and Mrs J. Parsons, 3, Leodger's Way, Hunston, Chichester.

THE WEEK AHEAD

By Peter Waymark

Mixed motives in a murder

FILMS ON TV

The recently deceased Otto Preminger enjoyed a curiously divided reputation, being lauded by some critics as one of the supreme film artists and dismissed by others as shallow.

There is some truth in both views. Preminger at his best did have an enviable command of the medium that went beyond mere craftsmanship: at his worst he could be insufferably pretentious, reducing noble themes to a numbing triviality.

His most successful films were those in which he did not try to reach too high. Critics of all shades can happily unite in praise of the black thriller, *Laura*, and there would probably be a similar consensus on his 1959 courtroom drama, *Anatomy of a Murder* (BBC2, tonight, 10.20pm-1.50am).

Anatomy is an appropriate word for the film is not only the record of a trial but a discourse on the mechanics of justice. Even when the verdict is reached, we are left in considerable doubt as to whether the accused was innocent or guilty.

We share, too, Stewart's



Baffling: Stewart and Remick in *Anatomy of a Murder*

The doubt is even shared by the defence lawyer, played with a delicious mixture of shrewdness and bafflement by James Stewart, and it is through that character that we try to make sense of the trial. Like him, we are disconcerted by the army officer (Ben Gazzara), accused of killing a man who may have raped his wife but constantly forfeiting sympathy by his truculent behaviour.

There are other striking performances from George C. Scott, in his first important film part as the prosecuting counsel, and Joseph N. Welch,

RECOMMENDED

The Killing of Sister George (1968): Beryl Reid as soap opera star on the skid. With Susannah York (Channel 4, today, 10.55pm-1.25am).
The Gentle Sex (1943): Rosamund John and Joan Greenwood in a wartime tribute to the ATS (Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.30pm-12.15am).
The Man in the White Suit (1951): Ealing comedy with bite about an indestructible fabric (BBC2, Wed, 8-7.25pm).
Heart and Dust (1982): Julie Christie looking for her roots in Imperial India (Channel 4, Thurs, 9.30-11.55pm).
* First British television showing.

The games they play on the box

TELEVISION

They set off like a trip to the seaside, a coach party of rancorous bonhomie fast approaching hysteria. But they will not spend the day in deckchairs and bikinis. They are the audience for a television game show.

In the studio the build-up becomes steadily more frenetic, reaching its climax in an orchestrated chorus of Land of Hope and Glory. "It's the people's television," booms William G. Stewart, the show's extrovert producer, and indeed it is.

When *The Price is Right* goes on air, 15 million will be watching and it cannot be greed, as the show's detractors claim, because not one of them stands to win the fridge, car or dream holiday.

This behind-the-camera revelation of how television uses - some would say manipulates - ordinary people, is contained in a new Channel 4 series, *Open the Box* (Mon, 10-11pm). It also looks at the audience at home and fans of the glibbie zombie theory of television will find plenty to confirm their view.

But while soap addicts may weep at Bobby's demise in *Dallas*, other viewers healthily resist the pull of the box by sweeping the carpet, playing the flute or making tea.

The onset of summer is usually a fallow time in television schedules but *A Very Peculiar Practice* (BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.15pm) promises to be an exception. A seven-part by Andrew Davies, mainly known in television for adaptations like *To Serve Them All My Days*, it takes a satirical look at a bunch of medicals on a university campus.

Joining the team of self-servers, incompetents and a

strident feminist who blames all illnesses on men, is a willing but innocent GP (Peter Davison). Graham Crowden plays Dr. Jack McCannan, the dipsomaniac head of the practice. With echoes of *Lucky Jim* and *The History Man*, but well able to stand on its own feet, *A Very Peculiar Practice* is comedy with a serious purpose.

Not many first-class cricketers turn to writing plays, let alone with the skill of the former Derbyshire opener, Peter Gibbs. His latest is *A Walk Under Ladders* (ITV, tomorrow, 10-11pm), which launches a second series of single dramas under the title of *Love and Marriage*.

Confirming Gibbs' penchant for perceptive characterisation and wry humour, *A Walk Under Ladders* looks at the contrasting marriages of two sisters - one chaotic and the other dull - and a sudden crisis that threatens them. The wives are played by Patricia Garwood (silly Beryl of the sitcom, *No Place Like Home*) and June Barry.

With a nice sense of timing, *Omibus* (BBC1, Fri, 10.20-11.15pm) profiles Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus of the Cannon film company, which has just taken over the ABC cinema chain and Elstree studios. The programme is a reminder that film moguls did not die with Darryl F. Zanuck and Sam Goldwyn.

Taking stock of post-war Japan

RADIO

Nigel Stock, who spent part of the Second World War fighting the Japanese as a major in the Indian army in Burma, takes on a different Japanese challenge in Yukio Mishima's *The Damask Drum* (Radio 3, Fri, 9.20-10.05pm).

It is one of five plays written by Mishima before his ritual suicide and uses forms of the classical Noh theatre to examine post-war Japanese society. Mishima belonged firmly on the right of the political spectrum and his death followed the failure of an attempted military coup.

The Damask Drum is a study of tormented love, with Nigel Stock playing an old caretaker who falls for a beautiful young woman he sees in an office window. Stock can also be heard tomorrow (Radio 4, 2.30-3.30pm) in a repeat of *Ratignan's The Browning Version*, with Barbara Jefford.

In New Jerusalem: A View of the City (Radio 3, Thurs, 8.45pm), Oxford sociologist, Professor A. H. Halsey, examines a dream that failed. From the early Victorian era the city became an almost mystical ideal that would promote the socially desirable goals of a full material and spiritual life.

Towards the end of the 19th century the garden city movement gave an even more optimistic gloss but now the inner city realities are deprivation and squalor. Halsey sees it essentially as a political failure and there are also views from Jane Jacobs, the leading critic

of the modern American city, and Professor David Donnison.

The past, present and future of Nato is examined in a three-part Radio 4 series starting tomorrow (10.15-11pm). Nato: A Time for Change is a timely appraisal. The product of the Cold War.

Drawing on historical archives, the first programme looks at the roots of Nato in the break-up of the wartime alliance between the Soviet Union and the West and considers the extent to which Nato's architect was not Bervin or Truman, but Joseph Stalin.

A Danish Childhood (Radio 4, Tues, 8.30-9pm) presents a portrait of the composer, Carl Nielsen, based on the memoir of his early life which he published in 1927. One of 12 children of a poor farm labourer, he used music to escape the hard life of the land, becoming a boy bugler in the army before going on to the conservatoire.

Fleet Street has changed so much since Lord (Hugh) Cadlip bowed out 12 years ago that his memories of the place in *Headlines, Deadlines* (Radio 4, Fri, 8.20-8.45pm) have almost a period feel. Editor of the *Sunday Pictorial* at 24 and guiding light of the *Daily Mirror* when it was the best-selling paper in the land, he offers a valuable perspective on today's circulation battles.

This Week's Composer (Radio 3, Mon-Fri, 9.05-10am) is a tribute to Edmund Rubbra, who died in February. An unrepentant traditionalist who had fallen out of critical favour in recent years, his contribution to English music is ripe for reassessment.

Juggling with past and future

Nova by Samuel R. Delany; *The Sirens of Titan* by Kurt Vonnegut; *More Than Human* by Theodore Sturgeon (Gollancz, £2.95 each)

Future worlds are difficult to maintain. Delicate juggling is needed to maintain the illusion of an imaginary world and to do so requires a lust of sustained imaginative ferocity found only in one of the Gollancz Classic SF reissues reviewed here.

I do not underestimate the difficulty of such feats of legerdemain. It is, of course, harder to project yourself forward into a world of which you have had no experience than it is to select aspects of the past.

Samuel R. Delany's *Nova* falls at the first anachronistic fence. I refuse to believe your average 31st-century space-jockey would spend much time discussing Byzantine history and the relative merits of Spengler and Toynbee. Why does Mr Delany feel it necessary or desirable to drag howling into the 31st century the whole rag-bag of his strictly contemporary (1968) obsessions: W. B. Yeats's tarot, "Grail Books", and so on? And why do 31st-century proles speak a curious form of bowdlerized bog-irish?

Mr Delany would have been well advised to avoid the character who forever dictates notes - 10,000 pages of them - on "an archaic form (The Novel)" capable of vanished

Making fun: Kurt Vonnegut

subtleties, spiritual and artistic". All a bit close to the bone.

The Sirens of Titan (1959) may not appeal to hard-core sci-fi addicts, since it does not take itself very seriously. Kurt Vonnegut is, however, a genuinely funny writer who, while poking gentle fun at the genre, comes up with more original ideas than may be found in a whole library of his successors. One is thankful that the liberties taken with reality are tongue-in-cheek and consequently less provoking than the metaphysical speculation one encounters in *Nova*.

The cover of *More Than Human* (1953) has caused a stir among my acquaintances. They believe the pallid individual portrayed is a terminal sufferer from the Almighty's latest - and most savage - reminder that sex equals sin.

Most have shown a disinclination to touch the book let alone read it.

This is unfortunate, since it has the quality of imaginative ferocity referred to above. It also has the inestimable virtue of being a gripping read.

Adam Carr

Learning to keep the faith

FICTION

The Kingdom of the Wicked by Anthony Burgess (Abacus, £3.95)

This account of the first years of Christianity was written, the author says, partly for his own sake and partly in anticipation of the television series *A.D.* It is a boisterous description of life under the Roman emperors from Tiberius to Vespasian, showing the bureaucratic fumbling of the system and the brutality so casually exercised.

The story of early Christianity is narrated as if by a contemporary who takes a pessimistic view. "A faith was born and then died", he says. "It was slaughtered by Jews and Romans alike." Surprisingly, it is this sense of failure and pessimism that brings the story to life.

The irony is just stimulating enough to give a new edge to the rather dreary business of Paul's missionary journeys.

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Digging up the past: Anthony Burgess and Penelope Lively

and it is rather a relief to find them described here as a bit of a flop. Anthony Burgess is adept at filling in what seem to be scholarly details and he emphasizes the greatness of the story by making us realize how it once seemed rather pathetic to people at the time.

Filthy English by Jonathan Meades (Triad Paladin, £2.95)

"A chicken that is killed by being swung round and round by the neck will exorcise itself and so leave a thin cloacal trail all across the walls and the ceiling (the colour of a diseased lung) and across the bursting sofa..." That is a fairly typical opening to a Jonathan Meades story. His style is elegant, controlled and stylish. He is revolting, most of the time, in a way that makes one gasp but not stop reading.

Most of the stories are about nasty people doing nasty things. In one of them the narrator is a dog who has been specially trained to take part in pornographic films. He manages to give a very clear idea of the details of his professional activities without ever departing from a tone of prudish dogginess.

The Drover's Wife by Murray Bail (Faber, £3.95)

Murray Bail's stories are carefully worked out, precise, clever, sometimes too clever. The simpler ones are the most lively. One called "Healing" is about a near crash between two bicycles. Slight though it is, the author manages to tell us a lot about the lives, personalities, aspirations and affections of all the characters involved. Such a dazzling piece of story-telling is worth more than all the others - for all their cleverness.

Treasures of Time by Penelope Lively (Penguin, £2.25)

How can one generation evaluate the life and ideas of another? How does any biographer judge the nature of his subject's relationships and emotions since his knowledge must be pieced together from the memories of different individuals?

These are familiar questions. Penelope Lively takes them on by creating a group of characters brought together in the making of a television documentary about the work of an influential archaeologist now dead, but still well remembered. Much of the story is told through flashbacks and the recollections of various members of his family.

It all starts off firmly enough but the unravelling of the story leads to a mish-mash of loosely connected bits of narrative and a set of increasingly dispirited characters who seem to be trying hard to escape.

Anne Barnes

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OPERA

ORPHEUS UNMASKED: Harrison Birtwistle's long-awaited *The Mask of Orpheus* finally gets its world premiere with the ENO. Elgar Howarth conducts the multi-layered score of orchestral and electronic music. Coliseum (01-836 3161), Wednesday, 7pm.



THEATRE

BARDIC DOUBLE: Vanessa Redgrave is back in the West End to play two Shakespearean heroines, Cleopatra in *Antony and Cleopatra* and Katherine in *The Taming of the Shrew*. Theatre Royal Haymarket (01-930 9832). From Wednesday, in repertory.



FILMS

DOG DAYS: Mattie Morley co-stars with Nick Nolte and Betty Midler in *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* (15), a re-working by Paul Mazursky of Jean Renoir's 1932 classic, *Boulevard des Capucines*. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), from Friday.



BOOKS

RIISING STAR: Dorothy Dunnett starts a new sequence of her immaculately researched and deftly plotted historical romances with *Niccolo Rising* (Michael Joseph, £10.95). It follows a young adventurer through the turmoil of 15th century Europe.



GALLERIES

MODEL FIGURES: Lucian Freud is represented in an exhibition of artists and their favourite models. Pictures by David Hockney, L.S. Lowry and Stanley Spencer are also included. The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester (061-273 4865), from Friday.



CONCERTS

SONG BIRD: Donaghy, who takes the title role in Donaghy's *Mary Stuart* next month, includes songs by the same composer in a recital which also features pieces by Handel, Strauss, and Verdi. Queen Elizabeth Hall (01-930 3191), tomorrow, 7.45pm.

TIMES CHOICE

THEATRE

OPENINGS

THE NORMAL HEART: Tom Hulse, star of the film *Amadeus* and creator of the role of Ned Weeks in the first American production of this Larry Kramer play about reactions to AIDS, takes over the role from Martin Sheen as the Royal Court production transfers to the West End. Albery (01-836 3878). Previews today (matinee and evening) and Mon. Opens Tues.

THE ORPHAN: Revival of Thomas Otway's study of rival love and jealousy, first staged in 1681. Greenwich Theatre (01-836 3028). Previews Wed. Opens Thurs.

SONS OF GAIN: David Williamson's satirical comedy about crusading newspaper men and the commercial pressures they face, comes to London after Australian success with its original cast. Wyndham's (01-836 3028). Previews today. Opens Mon.

SELECTED

DOUBLE CROSS: Stephen Rea as a both Brendan Bracken and William Joyce in Thomas Kilroy's historical diptych of Irishmen on the make. Royal Court (01-730 1745).

HMS PINAFOR: Joe Dowling's famously camp Dublin production of Gilbert and Sullivan waives the rules with Paul Bentley, Alan Devlin and John Kavanagh.

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: HI-DE-HI Spirits: World premiere of a stage comedy based on the popular television comedy series. Denis Ramsden directs.



Paul Shane, Ruth Madoc (above), David Griffin and Linda Regan. Alexandra (021 643 1231). Opens Mon.

MANCHESTER: Mumbo Jumbo: Robin Glendinning's prize-winning portrait of agonised adolescence in a wonderfully vigorous production by Nicholas Hytner. Manchester Royal Exchange (061-833 9833).

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Every Man in His Humour: John Caird directs the Ben Jonson comedy, with Tony Church, Philip Franks, Paul Greenwood and Joely Richardson. Swan (0789-295623).

FILMS

OPENINGS

BIGgles (PG): Captain W. E. Johns's flying ace makes an uncertain screen debut alongside time-travelling gimmicks and a rock soundtrack. Plaza (01-437 1234). From Fri.

THE MYSTERY OF ALEXINA (15): The bizarre, poignant and true tale of a 19th-century Frenchman brought up as a female by misguided parents. Everyman (01-435 1525). From Fri.

SELECTED

VAGABONDE (15): Agnès Varda's bleak but compelling account of a teenage

CONCERTS

RPO/CLEOBURY: Nicholas Cleobury conducts the RPO in Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture*, Handel's *Water Music*, Dvorák's "New World" Symphony, and Philip Fowke solos in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-828 8735). Credit cards 01-836 9891. Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LOVE LETTERS (18): A thoughtful drama from Roger Corran's stable, with Jamie Lee Curtis as the other woman in an extra-marital affair. Directed by Amy Jones. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148).

HE DIED WITH HIS EYES OPEN (18): Jacques Dery's entertaining thriller, with Michel Serrault as the police investigator who falls in love during a murder investigation. Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470).

SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS: Yoshiko Chuma (above) and her dance company from New York, remembered for their extraordinary *Five Car Pile-Up* with masses of local volunteers in the 1984 Dance Umbrella, with six non-dancers from vaudeville, cabaret and straight theatre. ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 8647).

PHOTOGRAPHY

BLACK SUN: THE EYES OF FOUR: Japan seen as an emerging post-war power by four of its leading photographers, who also give due regard to their nation's myths and culture. Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-402 6075).

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: A birthday celebration mounted by Kodak of more than 100 photographs, including some gems by Snowdon, Lichfield, Karsh and Bassett. Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milton Street, Bath (0225 62841).

FLORENTINE DRAWINGS: Michelangelo, Leonardo and Raphael brought from the museum's store. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-638 1555). From Thurs.

WORKING WITH LIGHT: A Royal Institute of British Architects exhibition which looks at contemporary stained glass in architecture. Maritime Museum, Museum Square, Swansea (0792 50361). From Tues.

THE SMYTHES: Landscapes and animals by two 19th-century East Anglian brothers, Edward and Thomas, influenced by Gainsborough and Cromer. Oscar and Peter Johnson, 27 Lowndes St, London SW1 (01-235 6464). From Tues.

GROUP OF 4: Four different ways of painting Abstract Expressionism by Afroshenko, Marylin Brewster, Sheila Gilring and Donnagh McKenna. Warwick Arts Trust, 33 Warwick Square, St George's

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THE BIG TOP: Norfolk Park, Sheffield (0742 730244).



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A new wineskin from old Vienna

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

British firms claim victory over US trade quotas

From Bailey Morris, Washington

British companies were claiming victory last night in the battle to dissuade President Reagan from introducing tough quotas against British goods.

Strong lobbying brought larger quotas on a less restrictive list of products. European white wine, sweets and beer are subject to quotas from Monday in retaliation for limitations on US grains and oilseed exports imposed by the EEC when Portugal joined.

Increased tariffs are threatened for port, brandy, gin, liqueurs, cheese and vegetables as compensation for lost American grain sales to Spain.

Mr Ernest Saunders, the chief executive of the Guinness Group which includes Distillers, was among British executives who met

US officials and argued strongly that quotas affecting Scotch whisky, included on the original US list, would have a disproportionately harsh effect on Britain.

Guinness officials, working with the British Government, said that the planned quotas on Scotch whisky and beer, affecting more than \$800 million worth of British trade, would result in large lay-offs and loss of market share for British products.

This would damage bilateral relations at a time when British support of US policies remained strong, officials said.

The arguments were made in private meetings with American commerce and trade officials after the Reagan Administration threatened massive retaliation last March

against more than \$1 billion worth of European goods.

US officials, angered by the trade plans marking the accession into the Community of Portugal and Spain, said a trade war was in the offing.

But the revised list, affecting an estimated \$618 million worth of Community goods, and the delayed effect of quotas announced by the Reagan Administration late on Thursday, were evidence of a "marshmallow war" rather than the full-scale trade war both governments had feared, US officials said yesterday.

American officials said the announcement of the action was intended to demonstrate to the US Congress, scheduled to vote next week on a highly-protective trade Bill aimed at Europe and Japan, that the Administration was getting

tough in its negotiations with other countries. At the same time, however, the Administration delayed action on the quotas to give the governments more time to negotiate a solution, officials said.

Mr Saunders said he regarded the revised list as a good example of what the private sector can accomplish when working with the government to make its concerns known at the highest level.

But the prospect of a divisive trade war, though lessened, remains, in the opinion of some European Community officials.

Mr Willy de Clerq, head of External Relations for the Community, issued a statement yesterday deploring the US action which he said was unnecessary and confrontational.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Cheer for societies despite Catch 33

Building societies are riding on the crest of a wave in the run-up to the passing of the Building Societies Act, which will allow them to expand in a limited way from their traditional base.

Home loan business has been smashing all records. It is now becoming clear, however, that the legislation will aim to ensure that they do not directly use the provision of home loans — their strongest card — to secure market share in the new territories they are being allowed to explore.

The offending item is clause 33 of the Bill. This prevents a society from making a mortgage loan conditional on the use of other services — such as estate agency, insurance and personal loans — which the society provides.

This is very much a thorn in the side of the societies as Roy Cox, the chairman of the Building Societies Association, was at pains to point out at the recent BSA conference at Bournemouth. For these friendly and trusted institutions could immediately capture a strong share in these new businesses, if they imposed a link between them and home loans.

Mr Cox objected to clause 33 on the grounds that other institutions are not subject to such constraints and therefore there was no "level playing field" on which the societies could compete. This is misguided. The tenor of the Bill, with its emphasis on traditional lending and restrictions on extraneous activities by societies, makes it clear that the Government is not contemplating precisely even competition.

Yesterday's record figures for lending activity, coming against the background of a new onslaught on the mortgage market from the banks and newer entrants, should at least keep the industry in good cheer.

Nor are funds about to dry up. The societies' liquidity ratios — the percentage of their assets in liquid form — are up, and sufficient to absorb any small decrease in the inflow of retail deposits. High real interest rates for investors make it unlikely that last month's rise in retail deposits will be reversed. And the ability to pay interest gross on wholesale funds has been successfully exploited to provide a ready source of money.

As usual the South is leading the demand for mortgage finance. The combination of falling interest rates and rising prices is proving too much of a temptation. People are either jumping on to the bandwagon or moving up to maximize potential capital gain.

The threat to supplementary benefit funding of mortgage interest announced on Thursday gives societies a little cause for concern. Some people, particularly the self-employed, might not leap so recklessly into home ownership, now that the government safety net is to be scaled down. This is something for the societies too to be

aware of. Mr Cox's conference warning not to relax lending requirements now gains even more force.

A stiff drink for Allied

Elders IXL yesterday joined the lively debate on Allied-Lyons's proposed Can\$2.6 billion (£1.2 billion) acquisition of Hiram Walker's drinks division, attacking the deal as expensive and defensive.

The Australian brewer reckons a price of at least 15.8 times prospective earnings, rising to a possible 19 times if Hiram's first half decline in profits continues in the second half, is too much for a business with a static profit record. It also suggests that a "massive" £622 million for goodwill would lead to a huge reduction in Allied's net tangible assets.

Elders has support for its view in the City. Leading brewing and leisure sector analyst Colin Mitchell of Buckmaster & Moore for one is strongly opposed to the acquisition. But Allied too has support among those who believe the deal is strategically sound.

Allied's own wines and spirits division is too small and too domestically orientated to climb easily into the world league. By acquiring Hiram it buys at one stroke a worldwide distribution network for Allied's stronger brands like Harveys and Cockburn. It also strengthens its defences should John Elliott renew his assault on Allied as he has said he will given clearance by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The question of price is more ticklish. The difficulty of valuing brand names like Courvoisier and Kahlua is that nobody knows what they are worth until someone like Allied declares what it is prepared to pay. Guinness paid around 17 times prospective earnings for a clutch of Distillers' brands; that suggests that Allied's price is not far out of line.

Allied takes comfort from offers it has received for parts of Hiram's drinks empire, which have confirmed its opinion of the value of the business. In addition Gulf Canada, Hiram Walker Resources' new owner, is fighting Allied's acquisition in the Canadian courts. It cannot think Allied is paying over the odds.

Allied is adamant there will be no earnings dilution. Asset dilution will also be much mitigated by the significant revaluation surplus expected on Hiram's C\$1.32 billion historical cost assets.

The final question is one of growth. Colin Mitchell believes Hiram's business may have gone ex-growth. Allied feels there is plenty of potential in promoting Courvoisier in the Far East, cordials in America and Kahlua in the rest of the world.

Shareholders will be asked to vote their approval for the deal at an extraordinary meeting on May 27. It seems unlikely that Allied will fall at that particular hurdle. More testing are competition authorities in Britain, Canada and America and the court challenge by Gulf Canada at the end of June.

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1289.5 (-13.1)
FT-SE 100
1564.9 (-10.8)
USM (Datastream)
120.59 (-0.75)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.5240 (-0.0100)
W German mark
3.3688 (+0.0009)
Trade-weighted
76.0 (-0.1)

Mowlem triumph

John Mowlem, the construction group, yesterday made its recommended bid for SGB, the scaffolding company, unconditional after receiving more than 50 per cent acceptance.

Among the shareholders it will obtain is the 8.9 per cent stake held by BET, the transport and construction services group, whose own hostile bid for SGB, was cleared by the Monopolies Commission yesterday. BET is dropping its bid and making a £6.4 million profit on the sale of its shares.

The Department of Trade and Industry also announced yesterday that Iveco's proposed purchase of Ford's heavy truck business would not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

£71m issue

Commercial Union, the composite insurer, is raising SwFr 200 million (£71 million) through the issue of a Swiss capital market bond with warrants to subscribe for ordinary shares.

Whitbread up

The Whitbread Investment Company increased profits from £6.12 million to £7.06 million before tax in the year to March 31. Net assets rose from 206p to 311p.

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Triple demand

Three new issues have been oversubscribed. At PE International, a management consultancy, there were applications for 4.8 million shares, against the 4.4 million on offer. John Haggart, a Yorkshire textile company, was subscribed 1.6 times and Arlington Securities, a property company, was thought to have been oversubscribed more than 10 times.

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£93m sale

British Land is buying a £93 million property portfolio from Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management). The portfolio — it has a market value of £103.1 million — includes 49 properties of which 62 per cent by value are City and West End offices.

Bell talks

Mr Robert Holmes & Court, head of Bell Group, who is attempting to take over Broken Hill Proprietary, told a Securities Commission hearing in Melbourne that he has also discussed buying Elders IXL with its chairman, Mr John Elliott.

Builder rises

McCarthy & Stone, a builder of sheltered housing for the elderly, raised pre-tax profits by 23 per cent to £5 million in the half year to February 28. A one-for-five rights issue to raise £19 million is proposed.

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Marley move

Marley has waived the condition of its recommended offer for Thermite Holdings that the acquisition not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Job hopes hit by Budget

By Teresa Poole

Leading industrialists' hopes of creating more jobs appear to have been frustrated by the Budget.

The number expected to take on more staff almost halved over the Budget period, according to a survey of a panel of almost 200 chairmen and chief executives from *The Times* 1000 companies, published yesterday.

In early March, 43 per cent said the number of employees was expected to increase, but after the Budget this had fallen to 24 per cent, suggesting that businessmen had been expecting more job promoting measures to be included in the Chancellor's package.

The number expected to reduce jobs also fell, from 25 per cent to 5 per cent, so that by late March, 71 per cent were expecting no change in staff numbers.

The panel survey, conducted by Audience Selection, also revealed serious criticisms of education and training for business and industry.

Only 17 per cent thought that the measures announced in the Budget would train young people to standards achieved in other industrial countries.

Only 38 per cent expected to take on more young people as a result of the Government's new incentive schemes. Nine out of ten thought improved training should be made a national priority.

A further survey of 454 top British directors showed that:

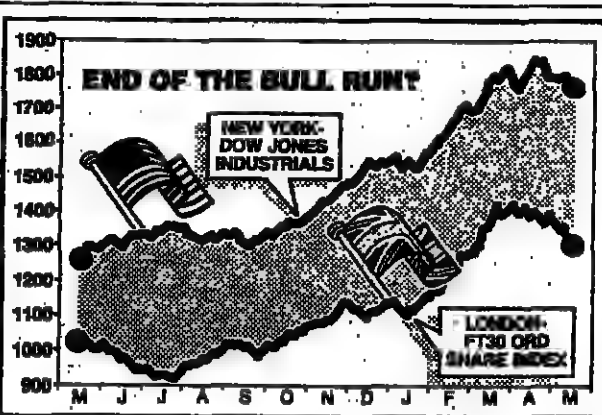
• Sixty nine per cent thought the big bang in the City would make no difference to the markets in which they operated.

• Managers thought buyouts were the most beneficial way to deal with ailing British companies and were preferred by 45 per cent.

BAT selloffs half complete

BAT Industries, which announced in January that it planned to sell 93 of its 269 American stores for about \$600 million, said yesterday it had reached agreements covering 46 of those on offer. Negotiations on most of the others are at an advanced stage.

BAT has disposed of its 39 Kohl's stores through a management buyout and sold three of its Gimbel stores in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the May group. But it has decided to retain four Gimbel outlets in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by transferring them into its Chicago-based Marshall Field division.



Gloomy week for shares

By Richard Lander

Depression over pending rights issues and heavy falls on Wall Street sent the London stock market into a sharp nosedive for the third successive day yesterday.

The FT-30 share index ended 12.7 points down at 1,289.5, despite receiving a fillip from bargain hunters after shedding more than 21 points at one stage.

The index has now dropped 51.5 points since Wednesday morning, when the downturn was triggered by National Westminster Bank's massive

Cadbury in US drinks bid

By Derek Harris

Industrial Editor

Cadbury Schweppes, the drinks and confectionery group, is negotiating to take over the Canada Dry and Sunkist soft drinks division of RJR Nabisco, the American tobacco and foods company.

RJR Nabisco is the world's fifth largest soft drinks company largely because of the sales of Canada Dry and Sunkist, according to the North Carolina headquarters of the company.

A substantial deal could be involved but Cadbury Schweppes would not elaborate on its announcement confirming there had been negotiations and that a further statement would be made.

RJR Nabisco also would not comment. It acquired Canada Dry from the Dr Pepper soft drinks group and Sunkist from General Cinema Corporation in 1984.

Canada Dry is the world's best known ginger ale. Sunkist is one of the most prominent soft drinks brands in the US.

In other countries it is common for production to be branded formula, bottling and distribution to be done by other companies under licence.

In Britain, Canada Dry is produced under a licensing agreement by Britannia Soft Drinks in which three of Britain's big six brewers have stakes. Bass with 50 per cent and Whitehead and Allied-Lyons with 25 per cent each.

At the end of last year Cadbury Schweppes made an agreement in principle with Coca Cola, the world's largest soft drinks company to form a joint company to handle the bottling, canning and distribution of Schweppes drinks and Coca Cola products in Britain.

New attack on Savoy

By Cliff Feltham

The Savoy Hotel group is once again under attack from its long-time opponent and main shareholder, Trusthouse Forte.

Lord Forte's group is trying to prevent the Savoy from obtaining the power to issue new shares at its annual meeting on May 27.

Trusthouse Forte owns 69 per cent of the Savoy equity, but because there are two classes of shares it controls only 42 per cent of the votes.

It claims that if the present proposals go ahead and the maximum number of high voting B shares were issued, the voting power of ordinary

shareholders could be diluted by a third.

In a letter to Savoy shareholders, Trusthouse Forte says that a resolution to issue more shares would be reasonable for most companies, "but the voting position in Savoy is abnormal".

The letter also alleges that a concert party arrangement may exist between certain Savoy directors and charitable trusts and nominee companies which together could total just under 50 per cent of the votes.

Last night a Savoy spokesman said: "We are considering the contents of the letter with our lawyers."

Labour costs underline economy's weaknesses

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The sharp rise in unit labour costs in Britain's manufacturing industry, announced this week, is a sharp reminder that fundamental weaknesses in the economy remain, seven years after Mrs Thatcher set out to change the old bad habits.

Unit wage and salary costs simply measure a company's pay bill, divided by the number of units or bolts that the company produces. They are determined by the number of people employed, the amount that each person is paid and the productivity of the workforce.

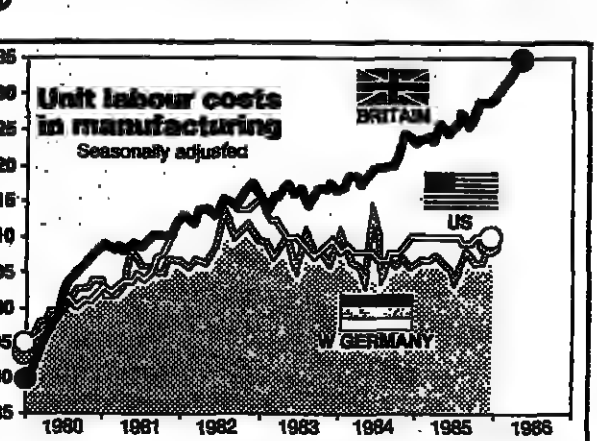
In the first quarter of this year, unit wage and salary costs were up by 8.3 per cent on a year earlier. First-quarter figures for other countries are not yet available but the comparisons for last year, when Britain's unit wage costs rose by just over 6 per cent, tell most of the sad story.

In Italy, the rise was 4 per cent, in the United States and Canada 2 per cent. France recorded a 1 per cent rise in unit wage costs, while in Japan and Germany, there was no increase at all.

Why are Britain's labour costs rising so sharply? Earnings in manufacturing in March were 7.7 per cent up on a year earlier, with an underlying rise estimated at 8.25 per cent. For the whole economy, earnings rose by 8.6 per cent, or 7.5 per cent.

It is now plain that wage increases are not coming down in line with inflation. Average earnings are increasing by two and a half times the March April inflation rate of 3 per cent.

The rate at which earnings



are increasing has been stuck at 7.5 to 8 per cent for the past three years.

When such wage increases were mainly offset by rapidly rising productivity, unit labour costs rose only modestly.

Now, with output in the economy having faltered and turned down, productivity growth has disappeared. Manufacturing output fell by 1.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year — its sharpest drop since 1980 — while output per head in manufacturing fell by 0.3 per cent, its first fall since 1980.

The fall in productivity came in spite of a further drop in the number of people employed in manufacturing. In March, there was a record monthly trade deficit of £1,138 million, only partly due to the sharp drop in oil prices. Britain's non-oil trade balance was in deficit by £3.4 billion in the first quarter.

There are signs that trade could start to act as a constraint on growth. In March, there was a record monthly trade deficit of £1,138 million, only partly due to the sharp drop in oil prices. Britain's non-oil trade balance was in deficit by £3.4 billion in the first quarter.

Sooner or later, an economic recovery based on strongly rising real wages had to run into trouble. For a long time, oil disguised the problem. But this is no longer the case.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones 1780.17 (-14.51)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow 15739.05 (-185.64)
Hong Kong
Hang Seng 1787.08 (-7.00)
Amsterdam Gen 262.8 (-0.5)
Sydney AO 1194.5 (same)
Frankfurt
Commerzbank 1960.2 (-26.0)
Brussels
Genereux 650.36 (+15.27)
Paris CAC 408.6 (-2.7)
Zurich
SKA General 527.60 (-8.3)

CURRENCIES

London
£/\$ 1.5240
£/DM 3.3688
£/Sfr 2.0720
£/Yen 222.07
£/Index 76.0
New York
\$/£ 0.6562
DM/\$ 0.3522
Sfr/\$ 0.7562
Yen/\$ 149.4
Index 114.4

INTEREST RATES

London
Bank Base 10 1/2%
3-month interbank 10 1/2-10 3/4%
3-month eligible bills 9 1/2-10%
buying rate
US
Prime Rate 8.50%
Federal Funds 5 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.24-6.22%
12-month Treasury 6 1/2-6 3/4%

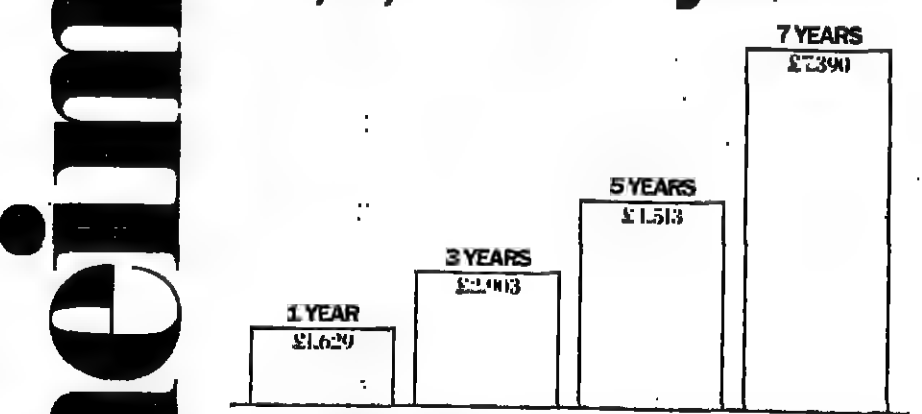
MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES
Armstrong 554p (+25)
Crested 298p (+4)
Woodward 800p (+25)
Dixons 344p (+10)
Equity & Law 255p (+18)
Clement Clarke 170p (+20)
BHP 380p (+14)
ET Sutherland 79p (+7)
Berkley Group 148p (+25)
Country Gents 148p (+27)
Cosalt 98p (+10)
Bestwood 590p (+34)
Willis Faber 190p (+14)
Abbey 148p (+6)
FALLS
Blue Circle 661p (-12)
Cadbury 154p (-8)
Grand Met 889p (-8)
ICI 740p (-10)
Rayl 917p (-18)
Nalwest 150p (-6)
Barrett 225p (-40)
McCarthy & Stone 225p (-40)
Brit & Commonwealth 430p (-28)
Boosey & Hawkes 200p (-20)
Perrin 570p (-30)
Lloyds 570p (-30)

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McCarthy & Stone goes back for third helping

McCarthy & Stone, the pioneering builder of homes for the elderly, is using up cash almost as fast as it makes it. Yesterday, along with a good set of half-time figures, the group returned to the market for its third rights issue in as many years.

This time it is asking for £19 million on the basis of one new share at 235p for every five held. The existing shares slipped 35p to 260p. Pretax profits rose by 23 per cent to just over £5 million during the first half of this year, with earnings per share up 27 per cent and the dividend up by 22 per cent.

Profits on the units sold were maintained but the margins have come under increasing pressure as the costs of moving into other businesses have risen sharply, reflected in a steep jump in the interest bill.

During the six months McCarthy & Stone sold a best-ever 670 units, up from 467.

But the group is now working on half as many sites as it was a year ago, creating additional demand for cash at a time when it is busy setting up a number of related businesses.

These include nursing homes and more sheltered accommodation overseas. The first units in Jersey will be occupied this summer and construction is underway on a development of 47 holiday apartments in Majorca.

But benefits from these activities will not show through until next year. In the meantime the company's British developments continue to suffer niggling problems with planning permissions.

Brokers are looking for an outcome of about £15 million this year with the company confidently forecasting significant progress.

Its niche market is now well established but whether the board can continue to maintain the rapid growth rate of recent years must be in some doubt.

New issues

The huge number of companies planning to join the stock market before the summer must be having second thoughts by now. The brave

will probably continue with their plans despite the market's weakness, though they may have to cut their original estimates of their own worth. A few weeks ago new issues were nearly all oversubscribed, but recently sentiment has turned. PE International, a management consultancy, yesterday announced that its striking price had been set at the minimum tender level, indicating insufficient interest to justify a premium.

John Haggas, a Yorkshire textile company, said its offer for sale was oversubscribed but it looks as if interest was modest.

Arlington Securities, a property company, however, was probably oversubscribed more than 10 times.

In most cases stags have carried shares to a premium when dealings start, but some later trade at a discount. Yesterday Templeton Galbraith's shares were 205p, against an offer price of 215p and a high of 234p.

Its price of particular interest for potential investors in GT Management, another fund management group, which is due to come to the stock market in July. But GT said yesterday that it was not concerned; it is pushing ahead with its planned flotation.

Lee International, the film lighting company, is trading at 157p, 23p below its offer for sale price, and Technology Project Services, an engineering employment agency, at 128p, stands at a 12p discount to its placing price.

Even Underwoods, the London based high street chemist, whose tender was so successful that the striking price was set 65p above the minimum tender price at 180p, has now come back to 170p. That has not stopped Tip Top Drugstores, a more recent arrival, from trading at a 20p premium.

Discounts are by no means universal. Laura Ashley, Gold Greenlees Trotter, the advertising agency and Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals company which came to the market in February, are trading at big premiums. Even the Really Useful Group, the Andrew Lloyd Webber company, has provided

ed resilient to the market's downturn. It all points to the popularity of consumer names.

Whitbread Inv

In theory the Whitbread Investment Company is a marvellous vehicle for providing investors with some exposure to the brewery sector.

As well as owning 55.6 per cent of the "B" shares in Whitbread, this investment trust owns stakes in several of the regionals, including 23 per cent of Boddingtons' Breweries, 35 per cent of Marston, Thompson & Evershed, 41 per cent of Morland and 9 per cent of Matthew Brown.

In practice, however, it tends to miss out on some of the excitement of the sector. This is because WIC effectively dampens takeover speculation as soon as it takes a stake in a company.

By buying a shareholding in Matthew Brown at a crucial point in the bid, for example, it helped to block the Scottish & Newcastle offer last year.

The company, 49.9 per cent owned by Whitbread, works actively to preserve the independence of regional breweries. Put another way, it stops them falling into the hands of Whitbread's competitors.

As a result WIC's share price tends to underperform the sector. Despite this it managed to increase its asset backing in the year to March 31 by 51 per cent to 311p.

By the side of most investment trusts, and its own past performance, that looks impressive. The share price however has failed to keep up, and the discount to assets is now 25 per cent. On yesterday's price of 233p, the yield is 4.5 per cent. The shares are likely to continue to underperform.

The WIC, known almost universally as the Whitbread umbrella, is coming under increasing scrutiny in the industry.

Already the Office of Fair Trading is looking at the tied estate system, and some observers expect it to extend its investigations further. The point at issue is whether Whitbread restricts free trade through the umbrella.

'European recovery quickens'

Brussels (AP-DJ) — An economic recovery in the European Economic Community is gaining strength amid indications that growth in Europe is progressing at a faster pace than in the US and Japan.

This is the finding of the European Commission's latest survey on the economy.

The EEC's economic sentiment indicator, which has risen steadily for a year, jumped in March to 102.7 from 102.1 the previous month on a further improvement in consumer confidence and a rise in share prices.

The Commission said that the EEC's leading indicator is now pointing upward more sharply than in the US and Japan.

In the US the leading indicator is not showing signs of an upward trend, while in Japan an economic recovery has only become apparent in the past two months, the Commission said.

The EEC's economic sentiment, which has a basis year of 1980 equals 100, is composed of indicators of consumer confidence, construction and industry confidence amid share price indices.

The Commission said that industrial production was not responding yet to the brighter consumer climate and expectations of lower interest rates.

But it said the slowdown in output was likely to be temporary.

Expectations for export orders are more pessimistic, particularly in West Germany and Britain.

Four-for-one scrip issue by Amstrad

The price of shares in Amstrad Consumer Electronics, Mr Alan Sugar's booming home computer company, will fall by about 80 per cent after a four-for-one capitalization issue, announced yesterday.

Amstrad said that the move aimed to bring its issued share capital more in line with the overall value of shareholders' funds.

The issue will also improve the marketability of Amstrad shares, which have risen more than eight-fold from 64p since July.

The shares rose 15p to 544p in reaction.

Shares slide again to end a week of depression

Stock markets ended a thoroughly depressing week on a dull note. Apart from last Tuesday's surprise bounce share prices have been slipping badly since. Nat West undermined sentiment with its £714 million rights issue on Wednesday.

The disappointing fall in manufacturing output, a 33 point setback on Wall Street and the latest poll showing the Conservatives in third position were enough to dampen the renewed gloom which confirmed a 3 per cent inflation rate failed to dispell.

Government stocks managed to half early losses of more than a point but the FT 30 share index slid 13.1 points to close at 1289.5 while the FT-SE closed at 1564.9, down 10.8 points.

Genuine investors were hard to find and although the usual crop of special situations provided a few bright spots most sectors drifted lower on dribbling sales to show falls of between 5p and 15p.

Banks remained in the doldrums with Nat West another 10p down at 740p. Royal Insurance failed to benefit from Thursday's better than expected first quarter profits 15p lower at 917p and Grand Met lost 7p to 393p on first consideration of their results.

Blue Circle dipped 12p to

661p on receding hopes of lower interest rates but BP at 556p and Shell 776p both up 3p reflected a steadier oil sector after favourable comment on Thursday's statements.

In builders Barratt Developments at 150p gave back 6p on a denial of big intentions from Tarmac. A £19 million cash call knocked 35p from McCarthy and Stone at 260p but Berkeley Group was wanted in a thin market up 25p to 440p.

Dewy was prominent at 196p up 14p on vague talk of a 220p bid next week, with GEC and STC among the names mentioned. Woolworths was hoisted 25p to 800p on hopes

that Dixons Group (up 10p to 334p) will launch a new knock out offer.

Amstrad celebrated the company's four for one scrip proposals with a 25p rise to 554p. Of the two newcomers Dalepak (40 times over subscribed) recorded a premium of 15p over the 107p offer price but Monotype traded at an 8p discount at 149p.

In life companies Equity Assurance advanced 18p to 266p on rumours that John Ginn of British and Commonwealth may launch an offer. BC which held steady on Thursday after a 16 per cent profit increase fell 18p to 298p.

Sears attracted revive take-over hopes at 121p up 5p. Other speculative favourites to move against the trend included AE at 145p Greene King 236p Clement Clarke 175p Brunning 167p Sekers 118p and Cosalt 98p up 6p to 20p.

Bestwood advanced 30p to 580p awaiting the result of its hard fought battle for Country Gentlemen's Association 27p higher at 1485p. Polly Peck improved 5p to 188p ahead of figures due on May 30 and Lanes added 6p to 42p on news that Timbury had acquired a new 30 per cent holding.

Vaux Breweries hardened 5p to 445p after a brokers flush. ET Sutherland also did well at 78p up 7p but profit taking knocked 35p from Penland at 670p. The disclosure of losses of more than £5 million hit Boosey and Hawkes at 200p down 20p.

Willis Faber a firm market this week in sympathy with their stake in Morgan Grenfell stake gave back 28p to 439p. BSR receded 7p to 118p but Keep Trust at 193p and United Springs 49p was supported up 5p and 2 1/2p.

In Australians BHP rose 14p to 380p on hopes that Elders would mount a rival to the Bell Group offer.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		
Amstrad (150p)	150	+3
Ashted (125p)	125	-3
BPP (160p)	160	-3
Combined Lease (125p)	125	-3
Dalepak (177p)	177	-3
Dewy (155p)	155	-3
Dorchester (100p)	100	-3
Gold Gen Trst (165p)	165	-3
Green (120p)	120	-3
Isco (120p)	120	-3
Jarvis (105p)	105	-3
Jays Hosiery (115p)	115	-3
Lee Int (110p)	110	-3
Lodge Cars (70p)	70	-3
Monotype (57p)	57	-3
Muswin (105p)	105	-3
Really Useful (320p)	320	-3
Splash Prods (72p)	72	-3
Templeton (215p)	215	-3
Spex (80p)	80	-3
Tech Comp (180p)	180	-3
Tech Project (140p)	140	-3
Tip Top Drug (160p)	160	-3
Underwoods (180p)	180	-3
Useful (100p)	100	-3
Wellcome (120p)	120	-3
Westbury (145p)	145	-3
Worcester (110p)	110	-3
Wicks (140p)	140	-3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ashley Ind N/P	25	-1
Barratt N/P	41	+2
F&C Euro N/P	3	-
Hestor N/P	25	+2
Low & Bonar N/P	15	-10
President Ent N/P	13	-
Ratners N/P	41	-2
Rosemount N/P	75	-2
Saschi & S N/P	50	-2
Sale Tinsy N/P	5	-

COMPANY NEWS

● **NATIONAL FREIGHT CONSORTIUM:** Figures for 24 weeks to March 22, 1986. Second interim 0.87p, payable on May 30, making 1.68p (1.16p) for the half-year. Turnover £349.1 million (£294.8 million). Pretax profit £12.4 million (£9.4 million). Earnings per share 6.24p (£5.22p).

● **WARNER ESTATE HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend 7.5p (6p) for the half-year to March 31, 1986. Turnover £5.07 million (£4.79 million). Pretax profit £1.89 million (£1.62 million). Earnings per share 12.31p (9.36p).

● **RADIO CLYDE:** Interim dividend 1.25p (same), payable on July 11. Turnover £2.47 million (£2.11 million) for the six months to March 31, 1986. Pretax profit £314,000 (£189,000). Profit after deducting an assumed liability to IBA secondary rental and Exchange Levy, but the precise amount cannot be quantified until the full year's results are known.

● **LONDON ATLANTIC INVESTMENT TRUST:** Total dividend 6.7p (6.1p) for the year to March 31, 1986. Pretax profit £1.19 million (£1.12 million). Earnings per share 6.95p (6.29p).

● **LONDON SHOP PROPERTY TRUST:** The group has received planning permission for its 12,000 sq ft office redevelopment in Wilson St, London, EC2. This scheme has an estimated completed value of more than £4.5 million. Work will start later this year and completion is expected in 1987.

● **BOWTHORPE HOLDINGS:** The group has acquired Cobra (Wood Treatment) for £1.95 million cash. Cobra, based in Cambridgeshire, will expand Bowthorpe's activities in the electricity supply industry.

● **ASSOCIATED BOOK PUBLISHERS:** The company has acquired Pitkin Pictorials for £1.7 million cash.

● **WACE GROUP:** Mr E A Pryor, the chairman, tells shareholders in his annual statement that there is little doubt

that 1986's profits should show an improvement on 1985.

● **HORACE CURY:** Mr H J D Finchett, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that management accounts confirm that the company has been trading profitably during the first three months of 1986 and the board has every reason to hope this will continue.

● **MILLS AND ALLEN (HOLDINGS):** An agreed offer will be made for the 6.5 per cent preference shares at 90p each in cash by MAI Services. The ordinary capital of both companies is owned by MAI PLC.

● **KENNEDY BROOKES:** The board is looking forward to another record year for the group. Its City of London restaurants are all firing extremely well and the West End outlets are trading above the level of last year. Kennedy's outside catering division is performing especially well.

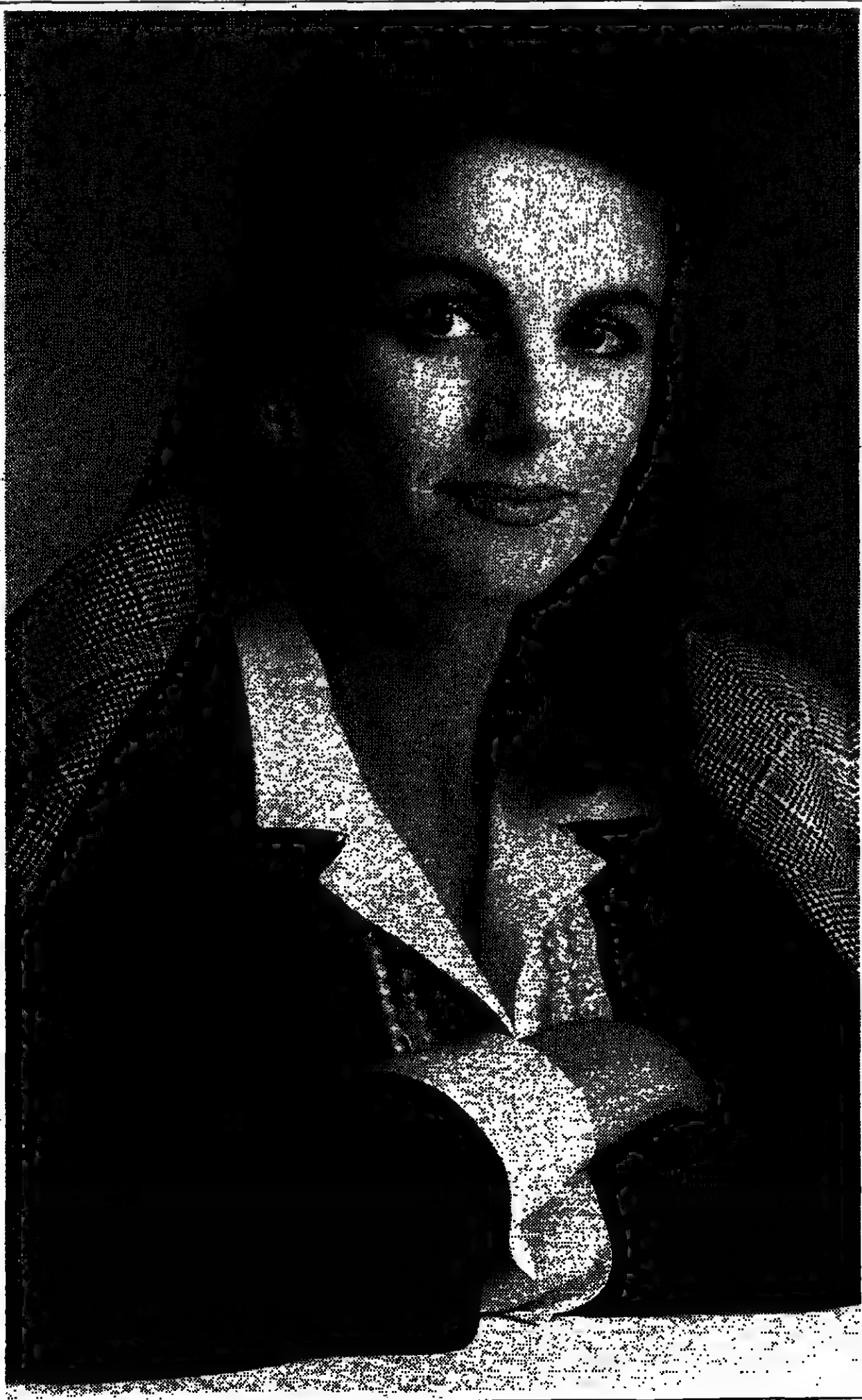
● **BELHAVEN BREWERY:** The company has bought the wines and spirits distribution business of Dolamore Holdings

for £714,554 cash. Belhaven intends to concentrate on the development and expansion of its brewing and wines and spirits interests.

● **ABERDEEN CONSTRUCTION:** Revised results. The board explains that, since the announcement on May 1 of the preliminary results for 1985, reappraisal of the civil engineering work has found that a contract for a water treatment plant in Derbyshire will result in a further loss of £960,000. A provision will be made for this, reducing 1985's pretax profit to £3.67 million (£4.83 million for 1984).

● **HEITON HOLDINGS:** The company has agreed to acquire M Doherty and Co and the property it owns in Westmoreland, Stroud, Dublin, for £1.38 million (£1.43 million).

● **STEAUA ROMANA:** No dividend is being paid (nil). With figures in 2000, turnover rose to and gross profit to 1,783 (335). Pretax loss totalled 1,127 (383) with loss per share at 3.4p (3p).



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No.	Company	Group	Share Price
1	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
2	LDH	Industrials L-R	
3	Southern & Pnt	Industrials S-Z	
4	Boots	Industrials A-D	
5	Alpine Drinks	Industrials E-K	
6	Storehouse	Industrials L-R	
7	Farnell Elect	Industrials S-Z	
8	Read (Austin)	Industrials A-D	
9	Bealco	Industrials E-K	
10	Mit Elect	Industrials L-R	
11	Hulkdown Hids	Industrials S-Z	
12	Bowthorpe	Industrials A-D	
13	Douglas (RM)	Industrials E-K	
14	NEI	Industrials L-R	
15	NSS Newsagents	Industrials S-Z	
16	RED	Industrials A-D	
17	Groves King	Industrials E-K	
18	Seas	Industrials L-R	
19	Liscomb Kilgour	Industrials S-Z	
20	Harris Quincey	Industrials A-D	
21	Cowes (T)	Industrials E-K	
22	Aspall	Industrials L-R	
23	Sovereign	Industrials S-Z	
24	Spear (JW)	Industrials A-D	
25	Burnham	Industrials E-K	
26	Hutchins Whampoa	Industrials L-R	
27	LASMO	Industrials S-Z	
28	Vaux	Industrials A-D	
29	Oliver (G)	Industrials E-K	
30	Beazley (CH)	Industrials L-R	
31	Gieves	Industrials S-Z	
32	Brumley	Industrials A-D	
33	Fluor	Industrials E-K	
34	Barford (S&W)	Industrials L-R	
35	Dewhurst A	Industrials S-Z	
36	Britol	Industrials A-D	
37	Brenobel	Industrials E-K	
38	Dorland Stamping	Industrials L-R	
39	Christy Hunt	Industrials S-Z	
40	Hall (M)	Industrials A-D	
41	Habit Precision	Industrials E-K	
42	TNT	Industrials L-R	
43	European Ferries	Industrials S-Z	
44	Vicor Products	Industrials A-D	

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British	100	0	0	100

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Stock	Price	Change	%	Open
British	100	0	0	100

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Stock	Price	Change	%	Open
British	100	0	0	100

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Stock	Price	Change	%	Open
British	100	0	0	100

UNDATED

Stock	Price	Change	%	Open
British	100	0	0	100

INDEX-LINKED

Stock	Price	Change	%	Open
British	100	0	0	100

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Bank	Rate
Bank of England	5.00

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Retreat goes on

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 12. Dealings end May 30. Contango day June 2. Settlement day June 9.

\$Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	Royal Bot of Scot	210	0	0	210

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	Abertoe Corner	210	0	0	210

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	AKZO NV	210	0	0	210

CINEMAS AND TV

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	Anglo TV	210	0	0	210

DRAPERY AND STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	Alcon	210	0	0	210

ELECTRICALS

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380	280	All Elect	210	0	0	210

FINANCE AND LAND

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FOODS

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HOTELS AND CATERERS

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INDUSTRIALS A-D

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INDUSTRIALS E-K

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INDUSTRIALS L-R

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INDUSTRIALS S-Z

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE

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MINING

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380	280	Abertoe Corner	210	0	0	210

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
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OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
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PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'S

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	Abertoe Corner	210	0	0	210

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	Abertoe Corner	210	0	0	210

SHIPPING

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SHOES AND LEATHER

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380	280	Abertoe Corner	210	0	0	210

TEXTILES

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380	280	Abertoe Corner	210	0	0	210

TOBACCO

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Open
380	280	Abertoe Corner	210	0	0	210

FAMILY MONEY/1

Edited by Lorna Bourke

Now for the facts after the fantasy

LIFE ASSURANCE

Past performance and bonus projection tables are dead! Long live financial strength indicators!

No, that is not a get-to-work slogan from the Chinese Cultural Revolution, but rather the order of the day at Britain's mutual life assurance groups which are seeking to improve the image of their with-profits life and pension policies and reassure the middlemen who sell those policies in the wake of the United Kingdom Provident Institution affair.

When UKPI was forced into a merger with Friends' Provident in early April because of major problems with its investment portfolio, the life groups found themselves with a problem. If they wanted to show they really were safer than UKPI, there had to be a way of doing it — something that the commonly used past performance and future projection tables failed to do conclusively. Just as anxious were the intermediaries who found egg splattered on their faces after advising clients to take policies with UKPI, which was forced to cut its interim reversionary and terminal bonuses when it ran into trouble.

There is, of course, no shortage of facts and figures on how good life assurance companies are at handling your money. These are available in the minutest detail in the Department of Trade and

the others with a 2.1 per cent ratio.

Others have followed suit. Last week the Scottish Provident also provided intermediaries with some reassuring charts and numbers about its financial muscle.

Scottish Provident's general manager and actuary Joe Mecham went further last week when he called a press briefing to outline how he thought investors should choose a life office. Attacking performance tables as often misleading and projection tables as "fantasy figures", he said consistency of performance, rate of expansion,

This change of tack must be welcomed

commission costs and management expenses were among the factors that should be taken into account. He also warned investors that "cuts in bonuses, reversionary or terminal, are a normal fact of life", something he said had been overlooked after 11 years of booming stock markets.

This change of tack by the mutuals can only be welcomed, but it is worth bearing in mind a number of points before giving them a clean bill of health. First, independent actuaries such as Bob Chadwick and Martin Paterson Associates have been charting the mutuals' financial strength for years. Secondly, nearly all the current activity has been inspired by the UKPI affair. We heard very little before the events of last month.

Thirdly, there is still a tendency to treat the public, who after all pay the premiums that keep the mutuals going, like idiots. The mutuals' claims that policyholders do not like to be bothered with reams of information are to a large extent untested. With investor sophistication growing all the time, it is perhaps time that the life assurance companies gave their clients a little more respect. Despite the recent opening-up, there is still an attitude that it is the intermediaries and the financial press that should be doing all the work.

At the Scottish Provident briefing, one senior manager was given very short shrift by the assembled scribes when he suggested it was they who should be wading through the returns to discover the true picture.

Finally, it should not be forgotten that a whole new era is about to dawn on us with the Financial Services Bill. Life assurance companies know well that even if they wanted to, the new Securities Investment Board is not going to allow them to get away with any pie-in-the-sky boasting about their performances, past, present or future.

Richard Lander

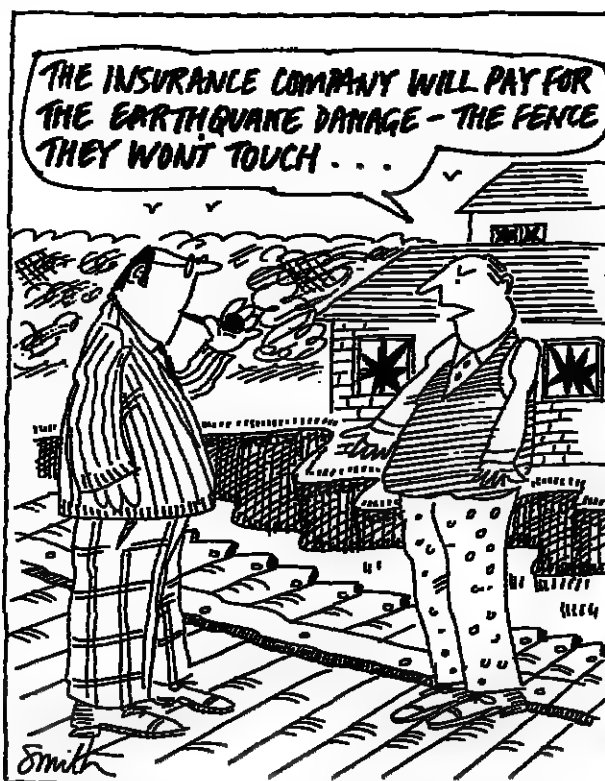
It's an ill wind that flattens fences

A message blew in with the gales a few weeks ago. If they did nothing else the storms made a few house owners realize they needed surlier garden fences.

After the wind flattened my six-foot high fence I immediately put in an insurance claim. The real blow came a few days later. The man from the Halifax, the building society with which I have a mortgage on my home sweet home, telephoned me to say, politely and courteously, but very definitely, that the property insurance arranged for me with the Norwich Union does not cover garden fences and that therefore my claim was not being allowed.

My Halifax man had had the unenviable task of informing the many insured punters, including me, whose fences had collapsed in the storm and who had claimed under their property insurances. It may not be widely appreciated but property insurance does not cover storm and flood damage to garden fences because they are just too vulnerable. Damage caused to some other item by the falling fence constitutes a reasonable claim — but not the damage to the fence itself.

A spokesman for the British Insurance Association confirmed it all. "It is typically an excluded peril," he said in insurance parlance. "This is because it is such a likely thing to happen. Insurance companies try to provide a wide range of cover. They would cover you against an earthquake, for example. But it



would be difficult for them to include blown-down garden fences without jacking up premiums to a level unacceptable to the public — and we are always being criticized for jacking up premiums."

At the brokers Priory James in Haywards Heath, West Sussex, Jim Fresson gave the issue another dimension: "It's not that insurance companies are unwilling to pay on genuine claims but they don't want all the arguments there would be about whether the claims are justified."

"The claimant could maintain the fence was in good condition when it was actually rotten. It costs a lot of money to investigate the claims and this would push up the cost of the insurance a lot."

Mr Fresson added pessimistically: "I don't think you'll find anyone to insure you against garden fences being blown down."

"It is also interesting that when trees are blown down and cause damage, insurance companies will pay to put the damage right but roughly 50 per cent of them will not cover the cost of clearing up the mess, which can run into hundreds."

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Scottish Provident	21.2
Scottish Mutual	20.0
London Life	18.8
Scottish Equitable	15.5
UKPI	2.1

Source: Bob Chadwick of Duncan C. Fraser, First published in Money Marketing

Industry returns. Unfortunately these returns are interminably long and about as readable as a book of car registration numbers.

But spurred on by the UKPI affair, the mutual companies are now pulling some readable figures out of the department's returns hat.

First off was National Provident Institution, which circulated its free asset ratios to intermediaries. This measure divides a mutual's free assets — regarded as the excess over the department's minimum in relation to its liabilities — over its total assets.

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SHAREHOLDING

Revised proposals for personal equity plans, the Budget's great innovation for the small investor, were published this week. Though this was the Inland Revenue's second attempt at detailing the PEP scheme, in important areas the details remain sketchy.

The Inland Revenue document, *Personal Equity Plans — A Prospectus for Potential Plan Managers*, contains little that adds to the appeal of the scheme.

Indeed, the signs are that PEPs are already getting bogged down with restrictions that, far from enticing the financially unsophisticated into shareholding for the first time, will simply provide another tax-avoidance route for those who already run share portfolios.

Personal equity plans, which will allow individuals to put up to £2,400 a year into UK equities, and get income-tax relief on reinvested dividends and freedom from capital gains tax, are intended to become operational from January 1 next year. Investors

Three important changes to the scheme

will not, however, be entitled to income tax relief on the money invested in these schemes.

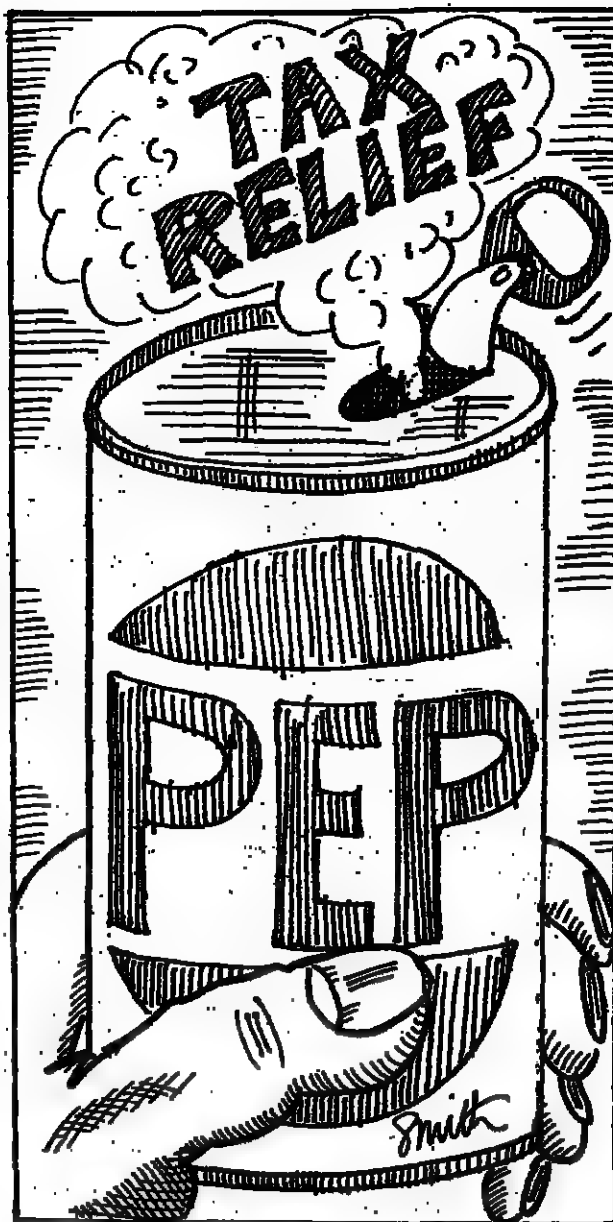
Since they were first unveiled in the Budget on March 18, PEPs have been amended in three important ways. The first is that the Treasury and Inland Revenue have responded to pressure to include unit trusts in the scheme.

Second, more detail has been provided on qualifying investments for PEPs. And, third, the Inland Revenue has clarified the position on cash balances held.

On all three, there are objections to the way that PEP appears to be heading. The inclusion of unit trusts is a Pyrrhic victory for the unit trust industry. Unit trusts have, as is only right, been given the same status as investment trusts in PEPs.

But, according to the prospectus, "special arrangements will, however, be made to allow investment, up to a low limit, in investment and unit trusts."

The limit is not specified, which itself is a shortcoming, but the message is clear.



Anyone who wants to spread their risk adequately and at the same time take advantage of PEPs has to settle for a lower level of tax relief.

The unit trust problem does not end there. The aim of the scheme is to foster investment in UK quoted companies, so presumably, although this is not entirely clear, this will exclude British-run trusts stuffed with foreign equities.

The industry defines a UK unit trust as one which has at least 75 per cent invested in UK shares. The Inland Revenue has to decide whether to accept this definition or to insist that only assets which are in 100 per cent UK quoted companies will qualify.

In defining acceptable PEP investments, it has been decided to keep things very simple. Apart from the special

arrangements for investment and unit trusts, PEPs will be restricted to "quoted shares in UK-incorporated companies quoted on the listed securities market of the Stock Exchange."

Heading the list of exclusions, which includes quoted companies incorporated outside the UK, "preference shares, gilts, convertibles, options and futures, are shares traded on the Unlisted Securities Market."

This, understandably, went down like a lead balloon at the Stock Exchange, already faced with a mysterious drying up of the stream of companies willing to come to the USM. The USM was specifically included in the original PEP proposals, published on Budget day.

A Treasury spokesman said that the exclusion of USM-

traded companies was to minimize the risk to be faced by inexperienced small investors using PEPs. This begs the question of why, if risk is the concern, unit trusts are to be given only limited PEP access. And if limiting risk is important, who would advise the novice investor with very small sums to play with to go into just one or two shares?

The PEP, while intended to foster wider share ownership is also, presumably, intended to provide risk capital for growing British companies. On the other hand, it is the case that none of the Government's privatization issues has been via the USM. It has been suggested that PEPs are simply a way devised by the Treasury of selling off British Gas to what might otherwise be an unenthusiastic British public.

The third area of clarification this week was on PEP cash balances. Here, there is clearly a dilemma for the designers of the scheme. Total freedom to keep cash in PEP schemes would be against its basic aim. But unrealistic restrictions on cash holdings will prevent individuals from

Unrealistic limits on cash holdings

moving out of a falling market into cash, or choosing their moment to buy after selling one share.

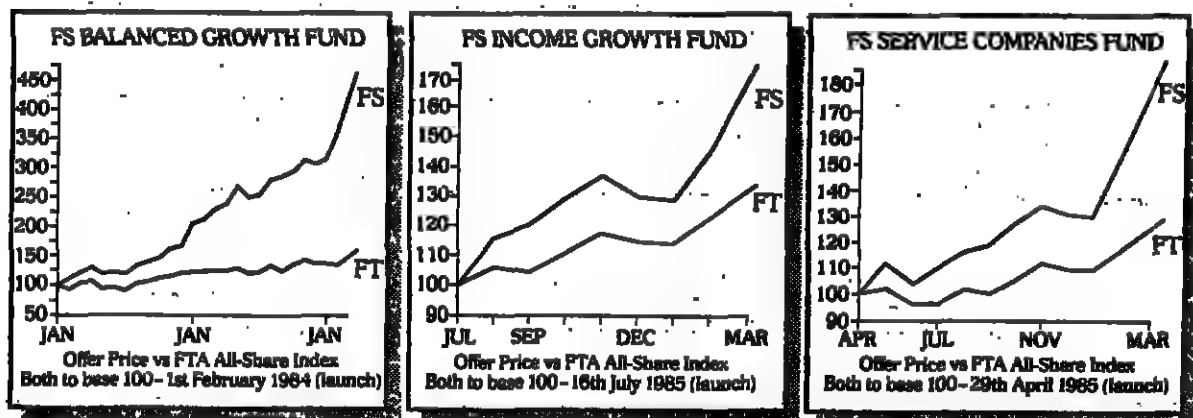
This week's document remains tentative on the question of cash but suggests a possible limit on cash deposits of £500, with unlimited cash holdings allowable for up to four weeks, during switches between shares.

It remains the position that anyone liquidating all their shareholdings and wanting to wait for any significant length of time before moving back into the market will have to scrap his or her PEP.

There will be nothing to stop him starting a new one, except that the qualifying rule — that investment must remain in the PEP for between one and two years to get tax relief — will come into force.

There is no denying that, in the PEP, there are the germs of a very good idea. But, without more flexibility and imagination than is so far in evidence, it threatens to fall by the wayside.

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A survival kit for the widow

Every day 550 wives become widows. The shock of bereavement is bad enough but how do you cope if there is not a will? Should you move house? What will your income be? These problems are all dealt with in a new book called *The Widow's Survival Guide*, published by Age Concern in conjunction with Cruse and the National Association of Widows.

Drawing on widows' experiences of losing a lifetime partner, the book aims to help readers to come to terms with grief and to get through the practicalities of bereavement. It covers such vital areas as your changed tax situation, how to claim benefits and how to appeal if you think you have been treated wrongly by a government department. The book also lists useful leaflets, books and organizations to which you can go for further advice.

Copies of *The Widow's Survival Guide* can be obtained from Marketing Department, Age Concern, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL. The price is £3.50 including post and packing.

A promise on mortgages

How would you feel if, instead of having a mortgage with your nice friendly building society, you wake up one morning to find that the lender has changed and you are now with a greedy mortgage company which has no compunction about putting up the rates? You would not like it, but that is precisely what could happen in the future. The Housing Minister, John Patten, is sufficiently concerned about just such a possibility to call for a code of practice for the "secondary mortgage market".

He says he is determined to protect the consumer and explore ways of developing a code of practice among lending institutions.

As Housing Minister I welcome the ready availability of mortgage funds, competition between lenders and new forms of mortgage becoming available," he said. "But I believe we have to look closely at the protection which ordinary borrowers have a right to expect. Should mortgages be sold over the heads of borrowers? In the case of nearly all existing mortgages, borrowers would never have expected, when they arranged their mortgage, that it might be sold on."



The wise choice

If you are retired and put all your money in a building society or bank deposit account, you will be condemning yourself to a declining standard of living - according to *Choice and the Pre-Retirement Association*. The book says that a better home for a proportion of your money would be stocks and shares, probably bought through the medium of unit trusts which would produce an income - albeit probably lower than that currently obtainable from building society investments but there would be an opportunity for capital growth and rising income.

The book covers such topics as budgeting, pensions, investments, taxation, insurance and cashing in the value of your home - all aimed at retired people or those about to retire. Copies of the book can be obtained, price £2.95 including post and packing from Choice Publications, 12 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4DU.

Chat-up line

A new free unit trust telephone advice service has been launched. Standard Life is guaranteeing that the service, called "Voicebank", will not subject callers to pressure to buy Standard Life unit trusts. Voicebank can be called by dialling 100 and asking for Freephone Standard Life. It is a "general unit trust service for the public", says Tom King, a Standard Life general manager. He says that Standard Life hopes "people will appreciate the first-class advice they will receive and consider Standard Life products when they make an investment of their choice".

Callers will not receive instant responses to the questions they pose. Their inquiries will be recorded on an answering machine and Standard Life will return calls within three days.

Lloyds rate cut

Bank personal loans are among the most expensive forms of borrowing but Lloyds Bank is doing something to remedy the situation with a cut in its rates - down from

around 23.1 per cent to 19.5 per cent. The maximum term is also being extended from three to five years. Previously only loans for home improvements were generally available over the longer term. The upper limit of £25,000 is being removed and Lloyds will consider loans without insisting on a deposit. However, even with the improvements, personal loans are little cheaper than the more convenient credit card borrowing which works out at around 26 per cent.

And the best arrangement of all is to have a loan account. This operates like an overdraft and you pay interest on the amount outstanding, but it is separate from your current account, so you do not incur high bank charges. The usual rate for a loan account is 3 to 5 per cent over the bank's base rate which works out at 18.5 to 19.5 per cent.

European boom

There are fashions in investment just as there are in women's shoes and investors have gone for the European market in a big way with £21 million during the three-week launch of its European Income and Growth fund. The success of our new fund has exceeded even our own very high expectations, and the response from the investing public and from professional intermediaries has been tremendous," said John Manser, chief executive of S & P.

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Catching students

The annual rush to sign up the new students has begun early this year. The Trustee Savings Bank is first into the field with an inducement to open an account. *Holiday Jobs for Students*, a 128-page directory of holiday jobs in Britain, Europe and the United States, is available free from TSB England and Wales to full-time students who open a TSB account during 1986. All the usual jobs are there - grape harvesting, chalet girling and some less well known jobs such as trail clearing in

American National Parks and working on archaeological digs in Italy. Details of likely rates of pay and the cost of accommodation are included, and whether or not food and somewhere to stay are offered as part of the deal. Details from TSB branches.

£10m on offer

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Videos to trust



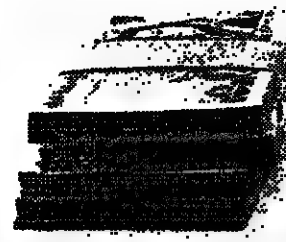
The Wizard of IT shows Si the taxman need not be an ogre

Hands up all those who know what an investment trust is and how it differs from a unit trust. If you don't know, pop along to the Scottish Money Show which takes place next Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Glasgow, where the Association of Investment Trust Companies is presenting its new video, *The Wizard of IT*. This features the Wizard, Simon (Si), a small investor, and his prosperous neighbour Richard (Rich). Si and the Wizard explain the advantages offered by investment trusts. The AITC is also staging seminars on investment trusts with an audio-visual entitled *More for Your Money*.

£80 wedding dress

Our apologies to bridal chains Barterlex and Pronuptia. In our article in last week's Family Money on the cost of a wedding, we gave an incorrect figure for the starting price for wedding dresses sold at these stores. The correct figure should have been £80.

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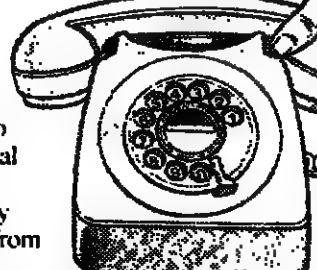
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Most parents welcome the idea of their children having some kind of a hobby. "Why not?" they think, when their offspring express a desire to take up trampolining, tap dancing or playing the trumpet. "If it keeps them out of mischief, stops them feeling bored and gives them a chance to develop new talents, it will be worth every penny."

Unfortunately, at this stage, you rarely have a clear idea just how many pennies will be involved.

Before you make any promises it is a good idea to get a rough estimate of what the costs are likely to be, both long-term and short-term.

At the same time, you should be wary about agreeing to anything which requires a high initial outlay, because children have an infuriating habit of losing enthusiasm for projects in less time than it takes to say: "Do you remember skateboards?"

Horse-riding is one activity which never ceases to be popular with children. Most riding stables suggest that you do not kit out your children until you are sure they want to go on having lessons but dress them in an anorak, loose trousers and flat shoes with a heel. Hats are usually provided for beginners, but as these are worn for safety rather than comfort you will have to decide whether you are happy for your child to borrow one for a while or whether you would prefer to buy one that you know fits and is made to the BSI standards.

A skull cap type will cost you about £25, rubber boots from £16, children's jodhpurs about £15.50 and a crop about £1.95. Most children will already have an anorak and the riding boots can double as wellingtons, but even so you will be spending almost £60 on clothes before you start to think about the cost of lessons.

At the Belmont Riding Centre in Mill Hill, which takes children from around the age of seven, beginners have individual half-hour lessons at £6. Greg Parsons, the managing director, says: "After maybe a dozen of these a child would graduate to two or three one-hour lessons at £10 a time, before moving into a group

lesson with between five and eight children at £6.50 an hour."

Most children have a lesson once a week and on that basis you could easily find you have spent just over £160 in six months. The centre also organizes special events such as Pony Week, when the children come on a daily basis and for which the fee is £66. The week also includes evening activities such as jumping competitions and cross-country rides which could cost you the odd £5 here and there.

And what if your child sets his heart on a pony of his own? According to the Pony Club (annual membership £9.50 plus a 50p joining fee), you won't be able to get one for less than £300. A saddle will cost around £100, a bridle around £30. You will have to pay around £7 a week for grazing plus around £5 a week in the winter months for hay. Vaccination fees will cost

£300 piano is usually ending its life

you £10 once a year and the minimum charge a vet is likely to make on other occasions is also £10. If you work your pony a lot in the winter you will also need to give him ponynuts at around £3 a bag - you will probably need about 10 bags. Finally, the pony will need shoeing at £15 a set every six weeks.

You might think it would be cheaper to encourage your child to take up music - playing the violin, perhaps, or the piano. Keith Daley, a director of Phelps Music shop in Kentish Town, north London, says you can get Chinese-made violin and bow sets, from the smallest one-sixteenth size to full size, for £49.50. But he adds that most teachers prefer people to spend £200 and upwards, and a quality bow is generally a third of the price of a violin.

You can get old pianos for around £300 but Mr Daley points out that these are usually coming to the end of their useful life. Prices for a new upright start at around £1,200.

An alternative worth considering - at the beginning, certainly - is renting. Phelps Music rents pianos from £24.95 a month and if you finally decide to buy, provided you do so within the first year, you are credited with 65 per cent of your rental payments against the purchase price.

If you rent, you have to pay only one month in advance, there is no deposit and delivery is free, provided the piano is to go in a ground-floor room in the London area.

Piano rental is fairly widespread, but you might find it harder to rent a violin, although Phelps Music also provides this service. The monthly rental is 5 per cent of the cost of the violin. If you buy it within three months, all the money paid is credited against the purchase price. If you buy anywhere between the fourth and the 12th month you get 65 per cent of your payments credited to you.

Parents should also remember that violin strings have to be replaced. I gather the E and A strings tend to go every two or three months. The average price for a set of strings is about £6. And bow re-stringing - usually done once a year - costs about £15. There are few "running costs" for pianos, but tuning should be done about three times a year for about £20 a time.

Then, of course, there is the sheet music - at least £2 a piece - and the cost of the lessons themselves. The Incorporated Society of Musicians recommends members not to charge less than £8.60 an hour.

Perhaps it is as well that my own daughter has settled for ballet. She goes to the Kathleen Hughes School of Dancing in Finchley, north London, where the fees are £15.50 for a 10-week term. The children aged three to five in the beginners' class have 45-minute lessons; all the other classes from primary, through Grades 1 to 6 up to Elementary have one-hour lessons.

You have to pay termly in advance (a bit of a risk with a

four-year-old), but even with the clothes and shoes I had to buy, the initial outlay was only just over £30. Miss Hughes supplies some blue material to be made up into a tunic (£1.20), and I had to buy leather ballet shoes with suede soles (£7.25), elastic (30p), pink ballet socks (90p), navy knickers (90p), a headband (50p) and a cardigan (£4.95).

Some teachers prefer satin shoes at £5.40, and some insist on leotards. The Royal Academy of Dancing Lycra leotard is popular and costs from £5.75 to £6.50. The matching skirts £4.60. Pink ballet tights cost from £2.99 to £3.50, knitted bun nets 75p, and point shoes for the more advanced girls about £12.50. On average, Miss Hughes says, a pair of shoes should last two terms.

It is not just the initial outlay and the recurrent fees that you have to consider when trying to estimate how

They will always enjoy music now

much your child's activity is going to cost you. You need to bear in mind the cost of replacing outgrown or outworn items and also - with music and ballet, for example - the entrance fees you will have to pay if they take examinations.

Another factor worth bearing in mind is the time and money involved, not only getting your child to weekly sessions, but also going to gymnastics, concerts or whatever.

Patricia Larkin, who teaches musical appreciation to young children, has three children of her own - Barnaby, aged 10, who plays the oboe, Hannah, eight, who plays the violin and the piano, and Amy, five, who plays the recorder. Mrs Larkin says: "All in all, we must spend about £1,000 on the children's music. But what we are doing is giving them something which will give them enjoyment for life, and that's worth every penny."

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To own a good cellar, regular buyers from the classic vineyard need to be undertaken as soon as reasonably possible after the wine comes on the market. James Long, the group's wine buyer, has an international reputation for his flair to pick potential, assisted by his group's purchasing power.

This is evident in next week's offer, which is divided into four "cellars". The first consists of three clarets (two 1983 Graves and a 1982 Puisseguin St Emilion) and two white burgundies from the excellent 1985 vintage. Payment, like all the cellars, may be by either banker's order (in this case £24 a month) or a reduction for outright payment (£288 inclusive of 15 per cent VAT). The first cellar could be drunk from late 1987 onwards.

A distinguished single vineyard Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Vieux Télégraphe 1983, which will make a fine bottle from 1990 onwards, forms one of the five wines in cellar two. The others are J.M. Brocard's 1985 Chablis (one of the impressive young growers in that region) and three burgundies 1983 clarets. The prices are £30 monthly or £342 outright.

Vintage port - Dow 1983, which should be much in demand at auction by 1995 - forms one of the selection in cellar three. A second-growth Sauternes, Chateau Filhot 1983, makes an apt choice in view of the increasing demand for dessert wines. Fine northern Rhone in the form of 1982 Hermitage from Marcel Guigal, possibly the best wine-maker there, together with two clarets of classified growth (Grand-Larose 1983 and St Pierre 1985, both St Julien district), complete the range. The higher price of £60 monthly or £720 reflects the quality.

For real investment potential, cellar four has the answer: three dozen bottles for £1,320 outright or £110 a month. It consists of first growth Chateau La Mission Haut Brion 1983, and the vintage port house most in demand - Taylor - from the fine 1983 vintage.

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Solid assets in the garden

Investing hardly describes the large sums that gardening enthusiasts spend on plants and shrubs. For those whose idea of a perfect garden is a paved patio with a few pot plants, garden statuary has much more appeal and is a better investment.

Sotheby's is holding its first sale of garden statuary, seats and urns in a couple of weeks. But James Rylands, Sotheby's garden expert, warns buyers with investment in mind to avoid the composite stone items: "Pieces that have been moulded, especially those from the last century, will crumble and decay. They will never be really valuable because they made any number of them."

The sort of prices expected at the sale on May 28 at Sotheby's country saleroom in Billingshurst, Sussex, start at £60 to £100 for a pair of composition stone urns, and £100 to £300 for a composition stone pedestal. There is a whole pride of stone lions from £300 a pair, but no grones.

Mr Rylands believes marble and lead items will be a sound investment with increasing interest from North America. Many of the sale items have



Marble statue, priced by Sotheby's at £3,000-£5,000

been brought in by people worried about having them stolen from their gardens.

One group of statuary comes from the garden on the Essex-Cambridge border which belonged to the late Hugh "Binkie" Beaumont, the

theatrical personality. Four stone lions each 5ft tall, 19th-century urns and marble and stone statues are in the sale.

Marble columns, chairs, and statues are estimated to fetch between £1,000 and £10,000, but Mr Rylands admits it has been difficult to gauge the market. He hopes the prices reached will mark the beginning of a solid market in decorative garden items.

The sale also includes some strange items such as a cast iron 19th-century tethering post in the form of a jockey (£300 to £500), early jail doors from Chelmsford Jail (£200 to £400 a pair), a life-sized harness-maker's wooden horse from 1880 (£1,500 to £2,500), an entire Georgian cast iron staircase (£3,000 to £5,000), and a wrought iron Spanish pulpit which would make a good aviary turned upside down.

"This is a fun sale", says Mr Rylands.

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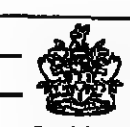
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Anyone looking for a good, long-term investment might do well by buying oil shares now. They are thoroughly out of favour because of the slump in the price of oil and at current levels the yield alone makes them worthwhile.

Taking the "recovery" approach to investment — buying out-of-favour stocks or sectors — often proves a successful way of backing future winners.

Conversely, another investment rule of thumb is not to plump for a sector or unit trust that is popular now. The theory is that they could be fully valued and might well drop in price or remain static.

A long time ago, back in 1975, I made the classic mistake of the investment novice, which proves the point admirably. I invested £100 in M & G's American unit trust, the top performer of 1974. The wretched units barely moved during the next two to three years and, given those days of high inflation, the £100 was seriously devalued before I finally sold out.

With hindsight the right thing to have done was to go for 1974's worst performer — an Extra Yield fund, and that £100 would have multiplied by about 150 per cent in a year.

The backing of last year's laggards as a performance theory has been around for years, but in 1983 Charles Fry of Johnson Fry, the London-based financial consultant, decided to offer a complete service so that clients could switch their money every year

into the previous year's worst performing M & G fund.

Mr Fry chose M & G because it is one of the oldest and largest of the unit trust groups with plenty of funds from which to choose. He picked bonds as opposed to M & G's unit trusts because the unit trust switching fee was high at about £250 per £10,000. M & G Bonds are in fact invested in M & G unit trusts but have a different tax treatment. The crucial point is that the switch fee is a modest £10.

As bad luck would have it, the last two years — 1984 and 1985 — have been the worst two consecutive years for the worst performer system: M & G's Property Bond recovered only marginally in 1984 and the Gold Bond (which invests in gold shares) actually

Gold prices leapt during January

dropped 23.2 per cent from January 1985 to January 1986 after a rock-bottom 1984.

Mr Fry does point out, however, that the date of switching is significant, and incidentally, if an investor had switched in February this year instead of January he would have made a respectable return on gold, as there was a leap in gold prices during January.

"You have to pick a date to illustrate the system so the beginning of the year is an obvious choice. But many of our clients come in at different times of the year and they don't necessarily choose a 12-month cycle for the switch either," he says.

Not long after introducing his worst performing system, Mr Fry decided to modify it. He reckons that the important thing is the spirit as opposed to the letter of the principle, and that there is nothing sacred about rigidly sticking to actual worst performers. He now recommends clients switch into any one of the bottom four performers.

He also has the Johnson Fry Managed Fund which adheres to the principles in a diluted form, that is, it did not invest in the UK market in 1985 but picked the best of the Japanese market. The bulk of clients' money (about £5.5 million) and some of his own, is in the managed fund. There is about £2 million worth of clients' cash still linked to the "pure" system.

Charles Fry would advocate putting only a small amount, say 2 to 3 per cent of a client's cash, into the worst performer technique. "It appeals to people who are fed up with the uncertainties of investment management and find the simplicity of the system attractive," he says.

Although the last two years have been disappointing, Mr Fry is still a firm advocate of the "recovery" principle. "It is very much a matter of keeping one's nerve and taking a long-term view. You've got to have the guts to be able to shift from the American Bond to the Extra Yield Bond in 1975. It's not a system for the faint-hearted."

The danger of the rigid approach has been illustrated by gold in the last two years. One year's worst performer can still be a worst performer the next year. The system works best when sectors and

stock markets are performing differently. When most of the world's stock markets are booming as they are at the moment, there is less chance of a big turnaround for poorer performing shares and unit trusts.

It is not surprising that the M & G reaction to Johnson Fry's system is to emphasize the high risk. "It can work," says M & G, "and we are supportive of the recovery principle. Our Recovery unit trust has been an above average performer and is the best performing trust ever from the date of its inception 17 years ago."

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Sensible to split your investment

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The Recovery fund did better with a two and a half times increase, but the system does not claim to produce the optimum return, simply a good return.

If you don't like thinking about your investments, this system could suit you. But it need not be used just within bond funds as these days most unit trust groups will give you a discount if you switch between unit trusts within their group.

If you use this approach, it is probably a good idea to split your investment between the different sectors — United States, Japan, UK etc. and go for the bottom performing trust in each sector rather than the overall bottom performer. What happens in one market may bear no relation to what is happening elsewhere.

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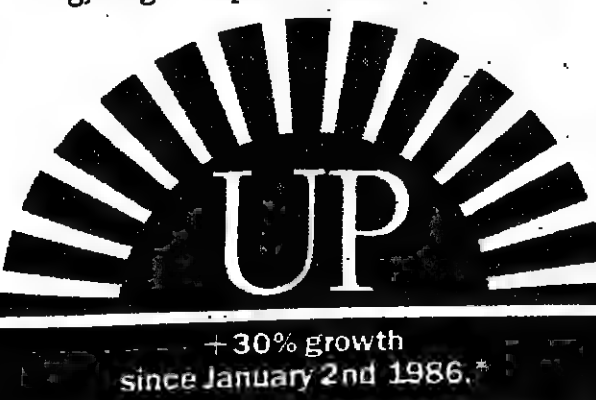
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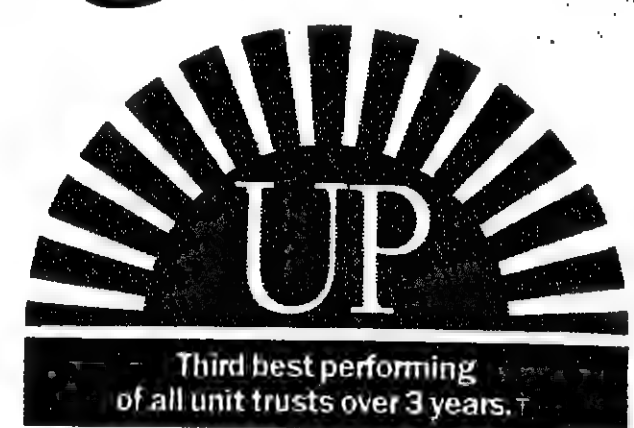
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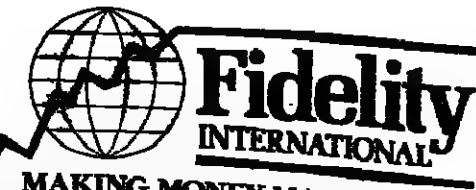
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"We, as building societies, have only ourselves to blame," says Bob Moffat of the Nationwide Building Society. "We've got ourselves into the position where there is a lot of competition. That's partly because rates are too high. It may be that we should pay less to depositors and charge less on mortgages and so redress the balance between borrower and lender."

Here are just two examples from recent weeks. Midland Bank is trying to attract first-time buyers and entice customers from its competitors by shaving half a point off its mortgage charges for new borrowers for the first year, and last week Barclays pared down its rates to a nominal 11.75 per cent.

Midland's offer, which lapses at the end of May (while stocks last), subsidizes the

lawyers' charges and transfer costs for borrowers switching from another bank or building society. The message is clear—there has never been a better time for house buyers to shop around for the best deals and cheapest rates.

But what's in a rate? It would seem laughably obvious that a lower interest rate will cost less per month. However, a glance at our table of monthly repayments will tell you otherwise. Every institution sets its own rate, but the amount to be paid depends on how the interest is calculated and when it is applied to the capital borrowed.

"It's a weird and wonderful process," says Stuart Gowan of the Woolwich Building Society. "We all have our own

mathematical formula and that's that."

The building societies nearly all use the same method of reckoning repayments and interest charges are worked out on the capital balance at the beginning of the year. This means the interest charge takes no account of the reduction in the amount owing and the actual interest rate is higher than the quoted rate.

The big four banks, with the exception of National Westminster, which follows the building society calculation, work out the interest on a day-to-day basis. This means that the rate quoted is a true rate.

Broadly speaking, that means bank mortgages work out cheaper even though the rate of interest quoted is the

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Halifax (gross profile)	11	11.9	180.92
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The situation is still further confused by the fact that monthly mortgage repayments will vary depending on whether you opt for the "gross profile" or "constant net repayment" method of repayment.

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ATHLETICS: END IN SIGHT TO CONFUSION OVER DECATHLON SCORING

Thompson aims for new record

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Arles

Two days of concerted effort by Daley Thompson in Arles this weekend can clear up another two months of administrative confusion over decathlon scoring. Advances in the separate events of the decathlon have led to the scoring tables having to be revamped every 20 years or so since the introduction of the event in the 1912 Olympic Games.

The latest rescoring was put into effect last year, to accommodate improvements in the 1,500 metres and the pole vault. On that basis, Thompson's 1984 Olympic total of 8,797 points was rescored at 8,846 points, but Jürgen Hingsen's world record of 8,798 points has been amended to only 8,832 points. However, the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) felt, probably rightly, that it could not take an athlete's world record away from him without an administrative amendment. So Hingsen is still considered to be the record holder, while Thompson's new score is referred to, somewhat derogatorily, in the 1985 handbook as a "noteworthy performance". To further confuse the issue an eagle-eyed official, British as it happens, looking through Olympic photo-finish prints, noticed that Thompson's 110 metres hurdles had been under-scored by one point, which would have given him a share in Hingsen's world record. Thus, in the re-evaluation, the extra point, giving 8,847, could be considered a world record.

The IAAF are due to consider this tortuous question at their congress in Athens in mid-July. But, in short, Thompson would do not only himself but everyone else a

favour by setting a new world record this weekend. Never the most communicative of people, especially where the press is concerned, Thompson conceded a few days ago that he would like to set a personal best (automatically a world record) and since then has retreated entirely behind pursed lips.

In the past this has meant one thing, that he is ready to take the world record, if not the world itself, apart. The former is a prospect which has been exciting the athletics enthusiasts of Arles, who cannot believe their fortune in having the Olympic champion here to compete in his first decathlon since Los Angeles.

It is almost as if Godot had arrived, but, unlike the celebrated indecisive tramps, the local officials know exactly how to welcome Thompson. Apart from the perfect weather, those events which can be affected by the wind, notably the sprint, hurdles, long jump and javelin, will all be mounted in favourable conditions.

The call has gone out to French television, who originally were not going to cover the meeting. The rest is up to Thompson. It looks as if his motivation will have to be largely self-induced, since Dave Steen, the Canadian who once had the temerity to beat Thompson at an indoor pentathlon, and who finished second behind him at the last Commonwealth Games, has a virus and cannot compete.

The target for the other Englishmen, particularly Eugene Giles and Greg Richards, is not only the Commonwealth Games, for which this is a trial, but it is also the 8,000 points barrier, the passport to world class.

STATE OF PLAY IN DECATHLON

Event	Hingsen's world record	Thompson's best	Thompson's best per event
100 metres	10.70sec (929)	10.44sec (989)	10.28sec
Long jump	7.76m (1000)	8.01m (1063)	8.11m
Shot putt	16.42m (877)	15.72m (834)	16.10m
High jump	2.07m (868)	2.03m (831)	2.14m
400 metres	48.05sec (907)	46.97sec (960)	46.86sec
110m hurdles	14.07sec (965)	14.33sec (932)	14.26sec
Discus	49.36m (857)	46.56m (799)	49.10m
Pole vault	4.90m (880)	5.00m (910)	5.20m
Javelin	59.86m (736)	65.24m (817)	65.38m
1500 metres	4min 19.75 (813)	4min 35.00 (712)	4min 30.30
Points total	8,832	8,847	9,267

The above points totals were calculated under the new scoring system.



Aiming high: Thompson eyes a new world decathlon record

Oxford aiming to add to Derby delight

By Jim Radford

The 112th University athletics match, sponsored by the Midland Bank, takes place at Oxford University's Iffley Road track today (1.30). Oxford's men seek their fourth successive victory and Cambridge's women their ninth.

Two weeks ago Oxford won three British University titles in Derby. The junior international long jumper, Dwayne Heard, leapt 7.40 metres and today he will be looking for a repeat victory. Jon Brooke provided Oxford's other individual title, the 3,000 metres steeplechase, but today he will concentrate on the 5,000 metres. Oxford's other victory in Derby came in the 4 x 100 metres relay.

Cambridge include their president, Jerry Barton, a three-time winner of the University cross-country. He is expected not only to defend his 1,500 metres title but also to challenge Brooke in the 5,000 metres.

A firm Cambridge favourite is Paul Rowbottom in the 800 metres in which he was narrowly beaten in the University championships by the Commonwealth Games bronze medal winner, Chris Gregory.

Of the 111 men's matches, Oxford have won 55. Cambridge 49; Cambridge's women have won 10 of their 11 matches.

RUGBY LEAGUE

The point Halifax must still prove

By Keith Macklin

Halifax believe that tomorrow afternoon they will convince the doubters who have questioned their right to be champions. They must be unflinching and uncompromising. Warrington side in the Stelton Lager premiership final at Elland Road and know that victory will at last underline the validity of their claim to be the top league team of 1985-86.

Supporters of other clubs have attributed the Halifax success to the late fixture congestion which crippled their challengers. Halifax have so far refuted this allegation in the best possible way, by beating Hull and Leeds in the first two rounds of the premiership. Their opponents tomorrow, Warrington, won a last-minute victory over Widnes and then won the expensive and well-financed Wigan side in the semi-final.

If Warrington, led by the pugnacious forwards, Les Boyd and Kevin Tamami, with Andy Gregory in brilliant form at scrum half, play as well as they did at Wigan, Halifax have a big problem on their hands. They themselves just managed to reach the final with a last desperate assault on the Leeds line and a late try from their Australian centre, Tony Anderson.

Halifax will rely on their splendid teamwork, prompted by the experienced scrum half, Gary Stephens, and by the Australian player-coach, Chris Anderson, who has just won the title of Coach of the Year in the league's premier awards ceremony. The battle between Stephens and Gregory will be crucial, and Halifax need to move the ball out to their speedy backs and hard-running forwards if they are to avoid a head-on clash with Warrington's powerful pack.

After a classic season, Warrington have produced a powerful late surge, and their tackling can destroy Halifax just as it overpowered Wigan. However, as much through sentiment as conviction, Halifax need to prove conclusively their quality by winning the trophy with open rugby.

FOOTBALL

Runcorn in reach of FA Trophy

By Paul Newman

John Williams, the manager of Runcorn, today stands 90 minutes away from one of the only senior honours in non-League football that he has failed to bring to the Cheshire club. Runcorn face Altrincham at Wembley in the final of the FA Trophy, a competition in which they have often performed well without ever previously going beyond the semi-final stage.

Williams, in his sixth season as manager, has taken Runcorn to the Northern Premier League and Alliance Premier League championships and numerous cup successes, despite having had to work with a comparatively small budget. With the big Merseyside clubs only a few miles away, Runcorn have never enjoyed the support their success has merited.

Altrincham, whose FA Cup exploits of recent years have helped finance a strong playing staff, finished fourth in the Gola League this season, two places above Runcorn, but failed to win any of the four games between the two clubs over the last 12 months.

However, their record in knock-out competitions to recent years is remarkable. As well as regularly beating League teams in the FA Cup, their victory at Birmingham City 10 months ago was the first by a non-League club over first division opposition for 11 years — they won the FA Trophy in 1978 and lost in the final to Enfield four years ago. Four of 1981 team are still at the club: John King, now manager, Stan Allan, now coach, and two current players, Jeff Johnson and John Davison.

Thursday's results

THIRD DIVISION: Darlington 1, Bristol City 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Barnet 1, Wokingham 1.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Northwood 0, Tringham Town 5.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Drew uses his loaf to fire into the lead

Paul Drew, a baker and confectioner from High Wycombe, was leading in both individual and aggregate events after the second day of the World Indoor rifle competition in Barbados, with two long-range events still to come (a Special Correspondent writes).

He dropped only nine points out of a possible 280, one point ahead of Bob Allan, of Edinburgh, with the Canadian, Jim Bullock, lying third.

Mike Abbott, aged 22, a London police constable, had an outright win with 47 out of 50 in the 1,000 yards event, the first to be decided without a tie-breaker.

Abbott had top score of the day, 129 out of 135, but had to fire a tie-breaker with Drew, and a Trinidadian competitor, for the daily overall performance gold.

RESULTS: 10 shots at 300 yards: 1, J. Bullock (Can), 50; 2, W. Richards (Can), 49; 3, P. Drew (Eng), 48; 4, J. Allan (Scot), 47; 5, M. Abbott (Eng), 46; 6, J. Bullock (Can), 45; 7, J. King (Eng), 44; 8, J. King (Eng), 43; 9, J. King (Eng), 42; 10, J. King (Eng), 41.

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4. 0124 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
5. 0128 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
6. 0132 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
7. 0136 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
8. 0140 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
9. 0144 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
10. 0148 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
11. 0152 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
12. 0156 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
13. 0200 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
14. 0204 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
15. 0208 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10

6.45 HADRIAN HURDLE (E1,08; 2m 120yds) (11)

1. 0136 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
2. 0140 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
3. 0144 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
4. 0148 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
5. 0152 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
6. 0156 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
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8. 0204 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
9. 0208 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
10. 0212 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10
11. 0216 MR SPOT (9) R 5-11-10

WARWICK

Going: good

6.15 SPRING NOVICE HURDLE CHASE (E1,508; 2m 40) (15 runners)

1. 0104 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
2. 0108 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
3. 0112 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
4. 0116 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
5. 0120 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
6. 0124 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
7. 0128 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
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14. 0156 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10
15. 0200 DAMON CHAMBERLAIN (9) R 5-11-10

6.15 DANCING SOVEREIGN. 6.45 No Fink. 7.15 Emmanon. 7.45 Kelly's Boy. 8.15 Easy Fella. 8.45 Mandarini.

6.45 BARFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (E1,077; 2m) (17)

1. 0001 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
2. 0005 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
3. 0009 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
4. 0013 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
5. 0017 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
6. 0021 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
7. 0025 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
8. 0029 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
9. 0033 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
10. 0037 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
11. 0041 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
12. 0045 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
13. 0049 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
14. 0053 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
15. 0057 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
16. 0101 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10
17. 0105 NO FLAME (9) P 5-11-10

6.45 ALDERMINSTER HURDLE CHASE (E1,900; 2m 40) (12)

1. 0004 STATE CASE P 5-11-10
2. 0008 STATE CASE P 5-11-10
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10. 0040 STATE CASE P 5-11-10
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12. 0048 STATE CASE P 5-11-10

6.45 LEAMINGTON NOVICE HURDLE CHASE (E1,075; 2m) (15)

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RACING: STRONG ENGLISH CHALLENGE IN IRELAND

Curragh compensation waiting for Huntingdale

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The smallest field in 46 years to contest an Irish 2,000 Guineas will turn out at the Curragh this afternoon for the first of this season's Irish classic races. One has to go back to a wartime version to find another six-horse field. However, the paucity of runners is more than made up for by the high quality of those participating.

Three of the six runners hail from England and all of them played prominent roles in the General Atwood 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket. Indeed, the trio of Green Desert, Huntingdale and Sharrod, finished second, third and fourth respectively behind Dancing Brave. So in many ways this is a re-run of the Newmarket race without the presence of the winner, re-routed to the Epsom Derby.

Prior to finishing a three-length runner-up to Dancing Brave, Green Desert had made a fine start to his three-

year-old campaign by winning the Free Handicap under 9st 7lb. However, there must be some doubt about his ability to stay a mile in the very testing conditions that will prevail at the Curragh today.

Those who walked the track yesterday morning reported that it was glue-like and this will place extra demands on those runners with speed in excess of stamina. It is worth remembering that the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket was run at an especially slow pace early on, in consequence developing into a high class sprint rather than a classic mile event.

This is the factor that persuades me to go against the Newmarket result in suggesting that Huntingdale can turn the tables. Looking back on his major success last season, it was noteworthy that he did all his best work in the last furlong of the seven-furlong

Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

Furthermore, he had not had a preparatory race this season before turning out in the 2,000 Guineas. If the record books prove anything, it is the necessity of a tuning-up race and all winners of the race in the past 13 runnings had previously raced as three-year-olds.

Sheikh Mohammed, whose brother Maktoum is the owner of Green Desert, is double-handed with Sharrod and the only unbeaten colt on display, the Irish-trained Fioravanti. Sharrod, like Huntingdale, was doing good work at the finish at Newmarket and will relish the Curragh mile but he may not be in quite the same class as Fioravanti, rated by David O'Brien in the same league as his Epsom Derby winner, Secretor.

The most genuine mudrak of the season is Flash Of Steel, trained close to the race by Dermot Weld. He was racing over a distance short of his best when winning the seven-furlong Tetrarch Stakes here last month.

The other valuable race on the card is the group two Tattersall's Rogers Gold Cup, which has a six-figure guarantee attached to it. Khaled Abdulla, the owner of Dancing Brave, makes his third attempt to win a major Irish prize with Danister and his perseverance may be rewarded. On his two previous journeys here he finished third.



Willie Carson and Pilot Bird (centre) draw away from the favourite, Kabiyla, and Old Donnesday Book (left) in the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes at Newbury yesterday. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Scottish Reel steps lively in Lockinge

Scottish Reel, who ran up a smart record of four wins around this time last year, returned to his best form in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury yesterday. However, Telegrapher, racing for the first time this season, tried to concede 5lb, certainly shared the honours.

Despite drifting from 2-1 to 4-1, Scottish Reel quickened well inside the final furlong to win the £50,000 race in smooth style by a length and a half from Telegrapher with Supreme Leader third and Eddies fourth. Michael Stoute has Scottish

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RACING ABROAD

Lupin at mercy of Fast Topaze

Sure Blade's late defection from tomorrow's Prix Lupin at Longchamp has robbed the contest of any British interest but two prime candidates for the Prix du Jockey-Club Lancia (French Derby) will be on view in the shape of Fast Topaze (Cash Asmussen) and Arkor (Yves St-Martin). Nevertheless there is a disappointing turnout of just seven, two of whom are pensioners for this £50,000 prize.

Fast Topaze, who is owned by Mahmoud Fustok and trained by Georges Mikhalides, is unbeaten and should extend his winning sequence to four. He backed up in the Prix de Fontainebleau on his seasonal debut and then landed the Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) in convincing if not spectacular style.

Fast Topaze could still take his chance in the Derby rather than run at Chantilly although connections hinted earlier in the season that he would be campaigned solely in France this season.

Arkor, another Epsom entry, is the obvious danger. He easily beat a sub-standard Prix de Fontainebleau on April 13 and has not been out since. He is owned by a Frenchman but was beaten less than four lengths when fourth to Salchow on her reappearance in last week's Chantilly stakes. He has a chance in the £31,024 Oaks d'Italia (11 furlongs) at San Siro, Milan tomorrow. Walter Swinburn rides.

Ferdinand, a 17-1 chance when beating Bold Arrangement by 2 1/4 lengths in the Kentucky Derby, is likely to start favourite for the second leg of the American Triple Crown, the \$288,042 Preakness Stakes.

IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS FIELD

Going: soft
1.55 AIRLE-COOLMORE IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS (Group 1; 3-Y-O; 1m 2f, 200m; 1m) (10 runners)
1. 11-1 FLORAVANTI (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
2. 11-1 GREEN DESERT (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
3. 11-1 HUNTINGDALE (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
4. 11-1 SHARROD (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
5. 11-1 DANISTER (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
6. 11-1 FLASH OF STEEL (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
7. 11-1 SECRETOR (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
8. 11-1 KHALED ABDULLA (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
9. 11-1 DANIEL O'BRIEN (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
10. 11-1 DANIEL O'BRIEN (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers

2.0 PHILIP CORNELL NICKEL ALLOYS STAKES (2-Y-O; C & G; 4f, 120m; 1m) (10 runners)
1. 11-1 ARAPIT (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
2. 11-1 BEST PLAN (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
3. 11-1 CARRON (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
4. 11-1 KANEVSKIY (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
5. 11-1 MAHARAJA (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
6. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
7. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
8. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
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10. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers

NEWBURY

Going: good
Draw: no advantage
2.0 PHILIP CORNELL NICKEL ALLOYS STAKES (2-Y-O; C & G; 4f, 120m; 1m) (10 runners)
1. 11-1 ARAPIT (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
2. 11-1 BEST PLAN (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
3. 11-1 CARRON (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
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Newbury selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Bestplan, 2.30 Terminator, 3.0 Brig Chap, 3.30 Mango Express.
4.0 High Tension, 4.30 HOLLOW HAND (nap).
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Bestplan, 2.30 Beaulieu, 3.30 Range Rover, 4.0 High Tension.
By Michael Seely
3.0 Valley Mills, 4.0 HIGH TENSION (nap).

2.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY HANDICAP (2-Y-O; 4f, 120m; 1m) (12)

1. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
2. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
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3.0 TOWRY LAIR INSURANCE HANDICAP (2-Y-O; 4f, 120m; 1m) (23)

1. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
2. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
3. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
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Newbury results

Going: good
2.0 (5) 1. NORTONLOWER GIRL (P. E. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
3.0 (11) 1. MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
4.0 (11) 1. MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
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10.0 (11) 1. MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

1. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
2. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
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10. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers

4.0 LONDON GOLD CUP HANDICAP (2-Y-O; 4f, 120m; 1m) (13)

1. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. C Roche
2. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
3. 11-1 MESSIAH (D) (D. O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-0. W R. Stammers
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Cook and Horgan poised for double

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)
Con Horgan, the Wokingham trainer, can sustain his excellent start to the season by landing a double at Newbury today with Mango Express (3-10) and Handmade (4-30). Both will be ridden by Paul Cook. Twelve months ago Mango Express won the Shaw Maiden Stakes on the corresponding card and now Hollow Hand is napped to follow in his footsteps.

The presence in the field of Roon Point, Landmark and Shipbourne should ensure an open market but the best form undoubtedly belongs to Hollow Hand, whose name went straight into my notebook last October when he was narrowly beaten here by Celtic Heir in the group three Horris Hill Stakes. That was a most encouraging performance from one with so little experience and he is expected to see Hollow Hand fulfil that promise.

Mango Express can initiate the Horgan-Cook double by taking the Aston Park Stakes. As won first time out last season, fitness is unlikely to present a problem, especially as the stable as a whole is in such fine form. After winning his next race at Lingfield last season, Mango Express went on to finish a profitable second to Handmade in the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and his chance today can be assessed on that form.

Over a mile and five furlongs, Mango Express should be in good luck for last year's Ascot Gold Cup runner-up, Longboat, who missed the Yorkshire Cup on Thursday because the ground had deteriorated. It was for precisely the same reason that Range Rover was a late withdrawal from the Ormonde Stakes at Chester nine days ago. Range Rover should go well on the better ground this afternoon but I still feel the best chance may well be in the gallant and white racing silks carried to victory today lies with High Tension in the London Gold Cup. After I had watched High Tension well in the gallant at Newmarket a fortnight ago, his trainer, Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, ventured the opinion that he could turn out to be a much improved horse this year. High Tension certainly did nothing but improve throughout last year and in my opinion he was rather unlucky to be deprived of a winner's prize here in the autumn after a sideways finish. He later ran well in his fourth in the November Handicap at Doncaster.

Terminator, who ran so well on his seasonal debut to finish third in the Easter Cup at Sandown, is my somewhat tentative suggestion for the Mail On Sunday Three-year-old Stakes Handicap while Brig Chap is taken to win the Towry Lair Insurance Handicap, which looks even more open if that is possible.

Third to Ho Mi Ching at Newmarket first time out, Brig Chap now meets the runner-up, Gold Prospect, on fractionally better terms. More significantly, he now has a race behind him whereas Gold Prospect had already had two before they met at Newmarket.

Bestplan, a decisive winner at Lingfield eight days ago, is taken to win the Philip Cornhill Nickel Alloys Stakes but his stable companion, Alkali, looks to have it all to do at Beverley against Michael Stoute's form with Quet Esprit now looks so much better in the light of the latter's subsequent victories at Salisbury and York.

Lock Seaford looks another likely winner for Henry Cecil in the Risby Maiden Stakes following that encouraging run at Doncaster 12 days ago when he was beaten half a length by First Division.

BEVERLEY

Going: good
Draw: high numbers best over 5f
2.15 ROWLEY SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O; 1.04.7f; 10 runners)
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Beverley selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Hartsley Surprise, 2.45 Icaro, 3.25 Mister Majestic, 3.55 Glenderry, 4.25 Oyster Gray, 4.55 Loch Seaford.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Knydard, 2.45 Seven Swallows, 3.25 Mister Majestic, 3.55 Long Bay, 4.25 Great Memory.
Michael Seely's selection: 3.55 Izzy Gunner.

2.45 RAPID LAID HANDICAP (2-Y-O; 1m 2f) (18)

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3.15 EBF NOVICE CHASE (1.17.0f; 3m) (12)

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Sunday

TV-AM

CHANNEL 4

1.10 Irish League - Patterns. A profile of basket weaver, Joseph Hogan.

1.35 The Making of Britain. Why political stability emerged in Britain in the early 18th century after the revolutionary turmoil of the 17th century.

2.00 The Pocket Money Programme. Financial advice for children, from children.

2.30 Film: Always Leave Them Laughing (1949) starring Milton Berle. Comedy musical about a struggling comedian using other people's material in his efforts to climb the entertainment tree.

4.45 Email in Russia. Gerald and Lee Durrell visit the Chalkal reserve in the Tien Shan mountains. (Oracle)

5.15 News summary and weather followed by **The Business Programme.** The Country Gentlemen's Association; why is it such a hot take-over property, and why does it find the attentions of Mr Tony Col so unwelcome?

6.00 Second Glimse. A filmic impression of the postmodernist, Waverley.

6.15 'Same Game - Different Rules' A documentary about the past 12 months in the life of Mike Nesbary who was British and European Freestyle Ski champion but is now a quadriplegic after severing his spinal cord in a trampoline accident.

7.15 Reclaiming the Earth. A documentary exploring the relationship between environmental problems and the patterns of development being followed in parts of Africa. (7) (Oracle)

8.15 Sinfonietta. The London Sinfonietta, conducted by David Atherton, play Ego's Suite, by Ego.

9.00 The Return of Ruben Blades. A documentary about the Panamanian Salsa singer/songwriter who will be performing in this country next month.

10.30 The Gentle Sex (1943) A documentary about a group of ATS recruits from various backgrounds during their training. Directed by Leslie Howard.

12.15 The Seeds of Destiny (1988) **The 1946 Accords**

11.00	Samba or de. Brazil plays Bulgaria and Hungary in the 1986 World Cup.	11.00	LWT News headlines followed by Encounter . The heart-rending but uplifting story of 12-year-		
11.35	Brazil, Brazil . The fourth		meet. They continue their relationship in secret until Bobby confesses to her that he cannot make love		Award-winning documentary dealing with the plight of victims of Nazi Germany's policy of

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Directed by: Ray

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England down to earth for a real preview

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Colorado Springs

Bobby Robson is about to take a final look at the pieces of his England jigsaw. He will spread them out in the Coliseum in Los Angeles this afternoon, see how they all fit in the burning heat against the World Cup hosts from Mexico and trust that the picture will be complete.

So far England have beaten the local Air Force 11-0 in front of a scattering of spectators, and their fellow finalists from South Korea 4-1 in front of an audience of several thousand. They were valuable and, as it turned out, highly encouraging outings in Colorado Springs, but they were not of any substantial significance.

Today it will be different. England, having descended from the Rocky Mountains, will step for the first time into an atmosphere that will be a genuine dress rehearsal for their opening tie against Portugal in Monterrey in little over a fortnight and against opponents who are sure to provide a realistic gauge.

The crowd is expected to be about 70,000. Half of them will be supporting the Mexicans, who have never lost in the city that has become their second home. Their most recent victory in a heavy programme of some 70 practice matches over the last two years was against Hamburg, 2-0, 10 days ago.

Robson himself feels that Mexico will be "strong semi-final possibilities" in their own country next month and he recalled how successful they were in their own tournament last summer. Without their most influential forward, Sanchez, Real Madrid's leading goal scorer, they drew 1-1 with Italy and beat England 1-0 and West Germany 3-0.

Today's game, which was supposed to be a gentle run-around against Guadalajara, has become a serious threat to England's unbroken run of

England line-up

P. Shilton (Southampton); V. Anderson (Aston Villa); T. Butcher (Preston); A. Martin (West Ham United); K. Sansom (Aston Villa); G. Hodge (Tottenham Hotspur); B. Robson (Manchester United, captain); R. Wicks (Aston Villa); P. Beardsley (Newcastle United); M. Heskey (Aston Villa); C. Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur); J. Barnes (Widow).

triumphs which stretches back over the last 10 months. Since the defeat against Mexico last June, Robson's side have won six of their subsequent matches and drawn the other two.

Although he states that a loss "would do very little damage to our confidence", the psychological advantage of maintaining their sequence, and thus their morale, is important. "We are not even thinking about losing anyway," he said before an-

nouncing his squad at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The lone problem concerned the health of Hateley. Suffering from a slight hamstring strain he galloped around the lake and lies in the middle of the ground of the hotel in Colorado in order to prove his fitness. He did so and Lineker, waiting impatiently in the wings, was belatedly withdrawn from the passenger list.

Hodge, who damaged an ankle in the match against Scotland last month and twisted it again when he came on against the South Koreans last Wednesday, was ruled out. Anderson again fills the role of Stevens in a defence that otherwise is expected to start against the Portuguese. It includes Shilton, Butcher, Martin and Sansom. The midfield of Hodge, Bryan Robson and Wicks, so dazzling three days ago, remains unchanged and should continue to be so as long as Hodge's knee stands up to the strain.

Dixon has scored five goals in his two second-half appearances here so far "which is good for him, me and Hateley", Robson said. But the attack will be formed by either Waddle or Barnes, Hateley and Beardsley. It is Newcastle United's Beardsley who is threatening to be the surprising piece in the England jigsaw.

Spurs finally get their man

From Clive White

Despite some determined defending by Luton, Tottenham Hotspur succeeded in prising them open yesterday to achieve their goal — David Pleat, one of the game's most respected and enterprising managers. So came together the perfect pair, both sharing the same aspirations — success with style.

The parting of the ways with Luton was painful and expensive, like all divorces. David Evans, the Luton chairman, spent four hours yesterday morning trying to persuade Pleat to stay. Pleat, who had been at Kenilworth Road for nearly nine years as manager and three years as a player, was close to tears after his decision was announced. Luton have requested £250,000 in compensation.

"It's nothing to do with money, but I am at a time in my career when I should make a move to test myself. I am sticking by my first gut feeling that this is the right time. If the Tottenham board are as good as this board and this chairman I can't go wrong," Pleat said.

The attraction of joining one of the most famous clubs in the world and one which has always put quality first was too much to resist. Along with Manchester United they are probably the only clubs in the country who lose support by winning without panache.

Pleat, who is 41, said: "Spurs are one of the very few clubs who could take me away. I have always admired them."

Luton were believed to have offered Pleat an improved contract. He was previously on a five year roll-on contract and was a director of the club. John Smith, the executive director, said: "We were scrapping all the way to the very end trying to get him to change his mind. Pleat, who had asked for an extra 24 hours to consider the move, had rejected all previous approaches, notably from Queen's Park Rangers after Alan Mullery was dismissed and recently one from a leading foreign club. Arsenal had also been believed to have approached him to succeed Don Howe."

Instead Pleat succeeds Peter Shreeve, who was dismissed on Tuesday less than two years after his appointment,

along with his assistant John Pratt, who had been with the club for 18 years. Pleat follows such great Tottenham managers as Arthur Row and Bill Nicholson, the manager of the great double winning side of 1960-61.

Pleat has taken Trevor Hartley, the Luton coach, with him. John Moore, Luton's reserve team coach, takes over as assistant manager at Kenilworth Road. One naturally fears for the future of the small Bedfordshire club, which Pleat has painstakingly rebuilt over the years into one of the most attractive sides in the country. But they remain adventurous and ambitious as can be seen by their desire to find a new stadium.

Evans said that there were four names on the short list to take over from Pleat, three from within the club. They are believed to be, Moore, John Faulkner, a previous Luton player and Steve Foster, the current captain. "We won't poach a manager as Spurs did to us. That's out of order," Evans said. He dismissed ideas that Brian Horton and Malcolm Macdonald, both former players, were among the candidates.

MOTOR CYCLING

Yamaha in a hurry at practice

From Michael Scott, Monza

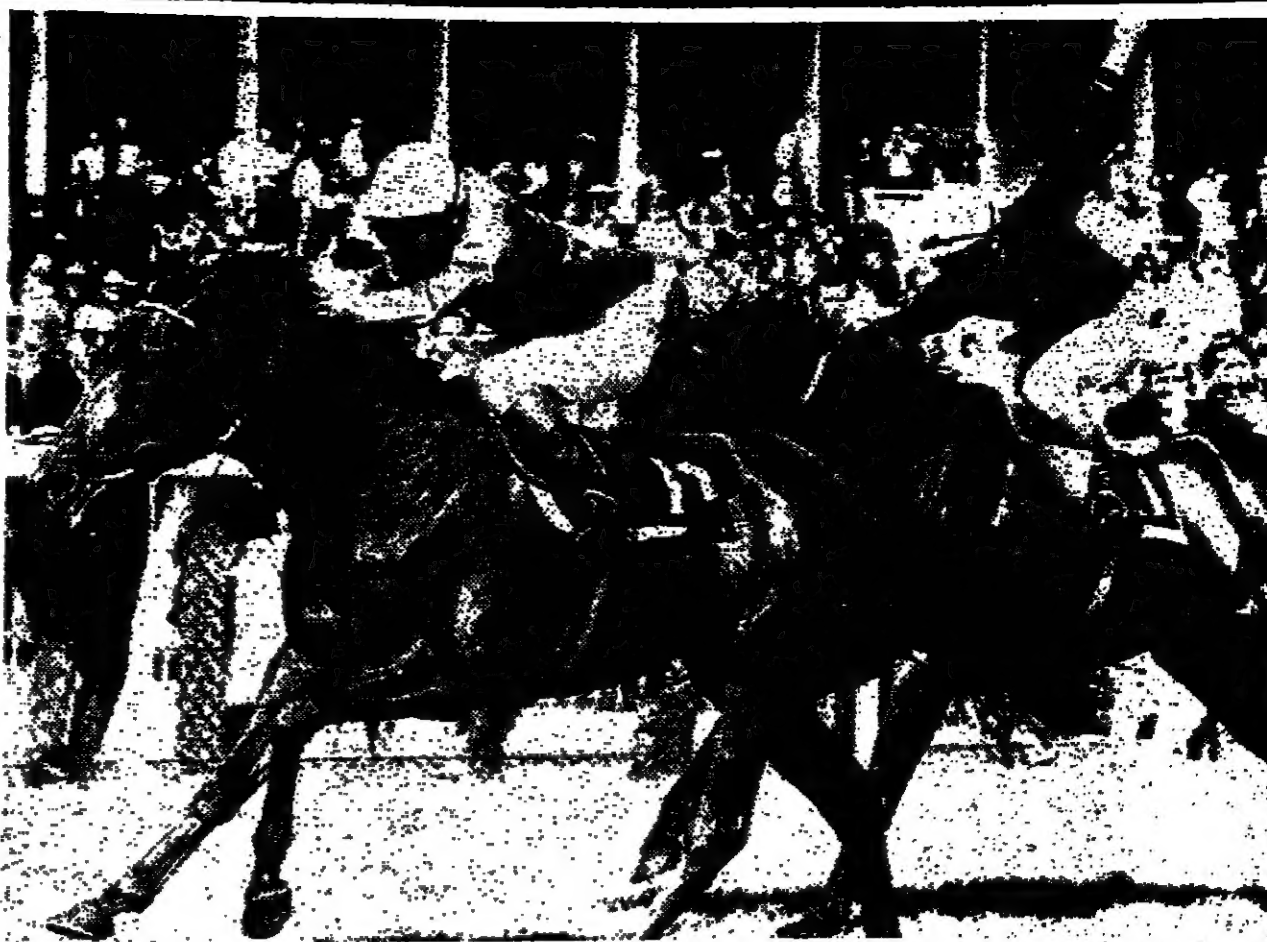
Eddie Lawson, of the United States, and Rob McEneaney, of Britain, who both ride for the Works Marlborough-Yamaha team, dominated early practice for the Italian Grand Prix here on Sunday. Their Rothmans Honda rival and the championship leader, Wayne Gardner, a close third.

But it was the absence of Freddie Spencer, the reigning world champion and Honda team leader, that caused the biggest stir. Spencer stayed at home in Louisiana, receiving treatment for the tendonitis that eliminated him from the Spanish Grand Prix — and it is not certain whether he will be fit to race again in time to defend his title.

"Manipulation to his right wrist may have him fit for next week's German Grand Prix," a team spokesman said. "If not, he will need an operation, which will put him out for six weeks." By then Spencer would have missed six out of 11 races, and the title would almost certainly be out of his grasp.

Gardner, winner of the Spanish Grand Prix, was the early leader in practice on his VA Honda, but was narrowly displaced yesterday afternoon by the Yamaha pair. McEneaney, who produced his best-ever practice position, said: "I am getting used to the Yamaha, and feeling happier on it every race."

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1, E. Lawson (US, Yamaha), 1:50.50sec; 2, R. McEneaney (GB, Yamaha), 1:50.88; 3, W. Gardner (Aus, Honda), 1:50.98; 4, R. McEneaney (US, Yamaha), 1:51.02; 5, M. Beardsley (US, Yamaha), 1:51.25; 6, C. Serron (Fr, Yamaha), 1:51.36.



Heading for home: Scottish Reel holds off Teleprompter to win the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart) Racing, pages 36-37

MOTOR RACING

Safety the best policy for drivers

By John Blunsden

In the aftermath of the fatal accident to Elio De Angelis, more concern has been expressed about the shortcomings of existing emergency arrangements and medical facilities than for many weeks, even months, prior to the tragedy. Unfortunately this is all too often the case — motorway madness, for example, rarely makes the headlines until it contributes to a catastrophe. Then, after a while, it is forgotten again, until the next major pile-up.

During the past two days grand prix drivers have been quoted as advocating a boycott of the Belgian Grand Prix next week unless their demands for improved safety standards are listened to. Such a reaction is perhaps understandable in moments of distress, though not really logical. The first concern, surely, must be to secure the best possible emergency facilities.

There has also been a suggestion that FISA, as the sports governing body, should be responsible for laying down minimum standards for test sessions. But why and how should they be? Private testing is precisely that — private. It is conducted as the result of an arrangement between a team and a circuit owner. It is up to that team to specify the coverage required, the circuit to provide it and the team to pay for it.

When, as occurred this week, a multi-team test facility is laid on, the arrangements are usually coordinated by FOCA, the constructors' association, but the same principal applies. A participating team will (or should) be aware of the facilities laid on and will either accept these, or arrange for supplementary support to be provided and pay for it.

The best policy for the driver, therefore, is to ensure that their own team at all times provides a realistic and acceptable level of emergency support and facilities whether they are competing in the public arena or taking part in the frequently more hazardous pursuit of testing on an otherwise deserted circuit.

McEnroe doubt

The odds are still against John McEnroe playing at Wimbledon despite the fact that his name has appeared on an entry list submitted by the ATP to the All-England Club (Richard Evans writes). That list was compiled last September and the ATP are honour-bound to keep McEnroe's name on it as the former champion has not officially withdrawn.

However until the baby which Tatum O'Neal is expecting towards the end of next week arrives, McEnroe himself has absolutely no idea of what he intends to do. It is still possible that he will surprise everyone and even play in the French Open.

Sad McGrain

Danny McGrain, captain of Celtic, has been left contemplating his football future, after being turned down as player/manager by the Scottish first division club Airdrie. McGrain, a Scottish international, is highly experienced and the decision comes as a surprise, particularly as he was approached by one of the club's directors with an offer.

RUGBY UNION

Australia invited to renew links with South Africa

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The South African Rugby Board (SARB), at present helping to host an unofficial New Zealand rugby team, yesterday extended an invitation to the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) to tour after next year's world tournament. In doing so they are flying straight in the face of the Australian government which have recommended for many years that national sporting teams should avoid contact with South Africa.

The SARB, with studied politeness, have followed the recommendations of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), at their meeting last month, by offering a 13-match tour incorporating three internationals during July and August 1987. They have in mind too, the possibility that if Australia accept they may come as the new world champions since it is generally agreed that New Zealand, Australia and France are favoured to win the inaugural world tournament.

Australia have not visited South Africa since 1969 (when

they lost all four internationals) while the last official contact between the two countries was in 1971 when the Springboks were unbeaten on a 13-match tour of Australia. Since then, while the British Isles, Ireland and New Zealand have maintained contact, only individuals have found their way from Australia to South Africa as members of invitation sides.

However, there is a growing body of opinion within Australian rugby circles that contact should be resumed and while it is unlikely that any definite answer to the South African invitation will be forthcoming in June, when the ARU next meet, there may be a strong ground swell from leading players and administrators in favour of the tour.

Asked about the chances of the tour going ahead, Danie Craven, the president of the SARB, said: "The Australian Rugby Union will accept the invitation but I don't know what their government will do."

Antipathy between govern-

ments and governed is not restricted (if we believe opinion polls and by-election results) to this country. The Australian government have already warned the ARU about resuming contact with South Africa and it may be that, if they wished, they could impose difficulties upon the Australian organizers of the World Cup, scheduled for next May and June in Sydney, Brisbane and New Zealand.

When the IRFB drew up a new schedule of tours last month, South Africa was allocated visits by Scotland (1988) and Wales (1990) and a tour to Scotland and Ireland in 1990. With the immense interest created by the current unofficial tour of the New Zealand Cavaliers, the SARB obviously believe that is too long to wait and seek to fill the touring gap left next summer following the world tournament — to which they are not a party. Who is to say that, in the current climate and with the IRFB countries manifestly at odds among themselves, that they will not get their way.

SHOW JUMPING

Da Costa thrives in the heat

From Jenny MacArthur, Jerez de la Frontera, Spain

Manuel Malta da Costa, of Portugal, wasted little time in collecting his first win at the Spanish Nations Cup meeting here yesterday. He and the French-bred Irtus Magali finished nearly two seconds ahead of the Spaniard, Sanchez Aleman, on Lobato in the opening speed class which, with 90 participants, ran for almost four hours in unrelenting heat.

Da Costa, who is in the Portuguese team for Monday's Nations Cup event, said he had not thought he had gone particularly fast on the 14-year-old gelding, who is by the Aga Khan's racehorse, Annapurna. "I think it was the others who were not very quick," he said. Da Costa has been based in Chantilly, France, since what he referred to as "Portugal's little revolution."

Michael Whitaker and his reliable speed horse, Next

Courtway, were the quickest of the six British riders. They finished fourth — much to Whitaker's surprise who thought he had gone faster. "What happened?" he asked his elder brother, John, afterwards.

John, who had eight faults on St Mungo, had his mind on other things. He is worried about his top horse, Next Hopscotch, who had a temperature on arrival here on Wednesday night after the five-day journey. "I think we expect too much of the horses sometimes," he said, "expecting them to be on form after all that travelling and with just one day's rest." He was undecided whether he would jump Hopscotch in today's grand prix.

Nick Skelton had a slow, careful round on Raffles Airbourne, whom he only decided to bring out at the last minute. He thought the show

would be a good practice for the eight-year-old gelding, who had a seven-week lay-off after being kicked on the off-hind at the beginning of March.

Malcolm Pyrah thought that the several sharp turns into big spread fences on yesterday's course would not suit his top-speed horse Sea Pearl but the agile grey gelding made light work of the course until the first part of the final double which they had done.

David Bowen, who is in some pain after bruising his ribs by walking into an iron bar just before coming out here, hit the second fence on Hawk and Kelly Brown on Springlight had a foot in the water.

RESULTS: Jerez, speed competition: 1, J. da Costa (Pt) on Lobato (S. Aleman), 3.0.20; 2, R. McEneaney (GB) on Lobato (S. Aleman), 3.0.22; 3, M. Whitaker (GB) on Next Hopscotch (M. Whitaker), 3.0.25; 4, N. Skelton (GB) on Raffles Airbourne (M. Whitaker), 3.0.28.

SPORT IN BRIEF

McEnroe doubt

The odds are still against John McEnroe playing at Wimbledon despite the fact that his name has appeared on an entry list submitted by the ATP to the All-England Club (Richard Evans writes). That list was compiled last September and the ATP are honour-bound to keep McEnroe's name on it as the former champion has not officially withdrawn.

However until the baby which Tatum O'Neal is expecting towards the end of next week arrives, McEnroe himself has absolutely no idea of what he intends to do. It is still possible that he will surprise everyone and even play in the French Open.

Sad McGrain

Danny McGrain, captain of Celtic, has been left contemplating his football future, after being turned down as player/manager by the Scottish first division club Airdrie. McGrain, a Scottish international, is highly experienced and the decision comes as a surprise, particularly as he was approached by one of the club's directors with an offer.

Angry Fellows

Walsall supporters are planning High Court action in their fight to prevent the club moving to share Birmingham City's St Andrews Ground. Roy Whalley, a Walsall shareholder, who wants the club to continue playing at Fellows Park, was taking legal action yesterday hoping to start High Court action to prevent the Football League considering the ground-sharing scheme next Thursday. He wants the matter to be discussed at a full meeting of shareholders before the League is asked to make a decision.

Magri bonus

Charlie Magri will share a purse of \$50,000 (£32,500) if he can beat the British flyweight champion Duke McKenzie in their title bout at Wembley on Tuesday. Magri, the European champion, or McKenzie, have been lined up to meet 1984 Olympic flyweight champion Paul Gonzalez in July.

Mottram's role

Buster Mottram, who has been a frequent critic of Lawn Tennis Association policy, has been asked to manage a young British team for the first time. Mottram is in charge of an under-18 squad to take part in an international Tennis Federation junior world-ranking tournament in Berlin this weekend.

Title return

Reno (AP) — It is possible that the World Boxing Council (WBC) would sanction a world middleweight title bout between Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard even though Leonard, now in retirement, does not have a ranking. "My feeling is that he doesn't need to do this," said Jose Sulaiman, president of the WBC.

Chance for youth

Peter Jeremich, the Crystal Palace basketball player, is organizing a competition to be known as the London Summer Basketball League, for individuals over the age of 18, or teams (Nicholas Harding writes). Anyone willing to rub shoulders with several National League players, who have indicated their willingness to play, should contact Jeremich on 01-798 2122 before May 23. The league will run on successive Saturdays between June 7 and July 5 at the Queen Mother Sports Centre in Victoria.

Final in Prague

The European Athletic Association announced yesterday that the 1987 Europa Cup A Group final will be held in Prague on June 27 to 28. The 1988 European Indoor championships will be staged at Budapest from February 20 to 21 while the European Marathon Cup has been switched from 1987 to either April 30 or May 1 1988.

Ipswich pass their first examination

By Joyce Whitehead

Ipswich and Glasgow Western won their first matches in the European Cup for club champions.

Ipswich owed their fine 5-0 win against Cwmawr (Wales) to a three goals from Helen Bray and two penalty goals by Gill Allen. Ipswich's passing sequences, especially between Lister, Webb, Bray, Wilce and Gallagher, were a feature of their game. Their possession play was better than any seen in England for years. In the first half they had most of the play against an unspectacular Cwmawr team who held them to a single goal at half-time.

Moira Macleod was outstanding in the Glasgow team who beat Portadown (Northern Ireland) 3-1. It was very even at the start, but Glasgow pressed hard and seized their opportunities after the interval with goals from Macleod, Lynn Forsyth and Dorothy Aitken, with Louise Lawson scoring for Northern Ireland.

Today Ipswich will play Borispol, the Russian side, who showed their strength with a 5-0 win against Leverkusen.

RESULTS: Borispol (USSR) 5, Ipswich (Wales) 0; Glasgow (Scotland) 3, Portadown (N.I.) 1.

Case for many happy returns

The England party for the two Texaco Trophy one-day internationals against India, consisting of 14 players, will be announced tomorrow. The matches are on May 24 and 26.

There has been so little uninterrupted cricket this season, because of the weather, that few players have had much of a chance to strengthen their claims. One of those who has done so, though, is Dilley. At 26, which he becomes tomorrow, he is altogether more mature than when last seen in the England team, in Faisalabad in March, 1984, and he has made an excellent recovery from a neck operation.

Towards the end of last season in England, he was showing signs of coming back into form, and he is reported to have bowled well for Natal during the winter, not only when taking seven for 63 against Transvaal in Johannesburg. It is good news, too, that he is coming in off a much shorter run.

With the selectors looking for changes from the side that failed in the West Indies, Dilley may well be back. But first they have certain more specific questions to consider. Should they persevere with Robson? Has the time come to replace Davot? And what about Botham?

Habit rather than apprehension

If Gower was the only batsman to have anything like a good series in the West Indies, no one had a worse one than Robson. On the other hand, against India and New Zealand this summer, and in Australia next winter, there seems no reason why he should not do as well as he did against India and Australia in 1985. His 10 Test matches (934 runs, average 62.26) rather than his last four (72 runs, average 9.00), will probably start off again now as Gower's partner. His weakness against fast bowling, arising from the way he plays back, is not, I think, the result of apprehension so much as habit.

Gower's appointment as captain will have improved Downon's prospects of holding his place. But it must not be long before a better wicket-keeper is brought in, and these one-day internationals might be a good time to see how Rhodes shapes up. One of the ideas of the B tour to Sri Lanka was to find out who was worth either early promotion or possible re-inclusion, and from all accounts he did especially well. Looking ahead to Australia next winter, a pairing of Downon and Rhodes must be on the cards. It is being said that the selectors should decide now whether they think England would be a better side in Australia next winter without Botham, and that if they do, he should be dropped forthwith. In other words, if his captain is not strong enough to handle him, leave him out. That would seem to me to be very unfair.

Still capable of phenomenal deeds

As Botham has shown already this season, he is still capable of phenomenal deeds, and if his poor record against Australia were to be held against him, the same yardstick would have to be used by which to judge the others.

As holders of the world cup, and the winners of last year's jamboree in Australia, India are not to be trifled with as one-day opponents. England want to beat them — and are more likely to do so with Botham in the side.

Had David Smith begun the season well, he would obviously be pushing for a place. His batting in the second of the Trinidad Test matches early last month augured well. In that form, he might have scored Lamb, whose Test record needs a boost. Since batting so staunchly against West Indies two summers ago, Lamb has had rather a thin time of it (721 runs in 25 Test innings, average 31, top score 67), and the selectors will want to beware of a closed shop.

They know that if they start by picking, *en bloc*, the old batting guard — that is, Gooch, Robinson, Gower, Gatting, Lamb and Botham — the chances are they will have them for the season. But I expect they will, and the same half dozen players did England marvellously well against Australia last year. For these Texaco matches, Fowler, Slack, Athey or Chedder Smith might be added. In the winter the West Indians were saying that England had left out their best batsman, by which, of course, they meant Boycott; but nothing much is being heard of him at the moment.

John Woodcock

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